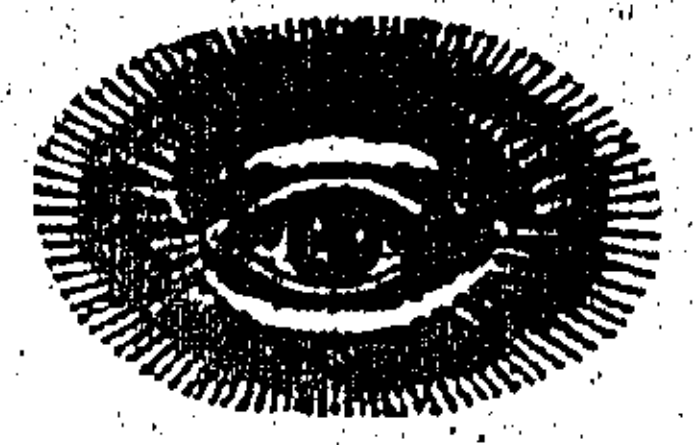




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COMPLEX HANKOW ISSUES.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROBLEMS.

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TROOP LANDING RIGHTS.

Questions of a most complex and important character are said to have been submitted by Mr. Eugene Chen to Mr. O'Malley at Hankow, and it is these which have had to be referred Home for decision. The nature of the questions has not been divulged but Sir Miles Lampson is probably being consulted thereon.

The discussions are, meanwhile, suspended and do not appear to have been definitely broken off. There has, apparently, been further evidence of delay in the transmission of Mr. O'Malley's telegrams.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Austen Chamberlain was called upon to reply to numerous questions on the China situation, in the course of which he asserted that Britain had a right, apart from any treaty rights, to defend the lives of its nationals abroad and that the landing of troops at Shanghai did not violate international law.

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS.

Most Complex Questions.

London, Feb. 16.

Reuter learns that a good deal of information has been received during the night from Mr. O'Malley.

So far, it is incomplete but it does not appear that the discussions are definitely broken off.

Mr. O'Malley has asked for instructions with regard to certain points arising out of the Hankow conversations of Monday, and Sir Miles Lampson's opinion is also probably awaited. The questions being discussed are most complex and most important.—Reuter.

MANY QUESTIONS.

Sir Austen Chamberlain Replies.

London, Feb. 16.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was called upon to reply to a number of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon concerning the situation in China.

Asked by Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald if negotiations were still being carried on at Hankow, Sir Austen said there had been some delay—not for the first time—in the transmission of telegrams from Mr. O'Malley and he (Sir Austen Chamberlain) did not yet know what was the position. The telegrams from Mr. O'Malley all related to a telegram which had arrived in the morning and which had not yet been deciphered.

Rights of a State.

Replying to Mr. Oswald Mosley, who asked under what Treaty rights British troops would be landed on Chinese soil, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the right of a State to defend the lives of its nationals abroad did not depend on any treaty provisions. He denied that the landing would be a violation of international law.

Mr. Chu's Position.

Another question regarding what would be the effect on the situation due to Mr. Chu's statement at Geneva that he was authorized to speak for the whole of China, elicited the reply from Sir Austen Chamberlain that he was not aware that Mr. Chu's claim was justifiable. He mentioned that after Mr. Chu's "extraordinary outburst" of last September when he attacked the British Government and was replied to by Viscount Cecil, the Peking Government informed him (Sir Austen) that Mr. Chu was not acting under their instructions.

Military Supplies From Europe.

Replying to a further question, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was aware that both parties in China were acquiring military supplies, aircraft and armaments from various European countries and employing European aviators. The British Government, whenever possible, made representations against breaches of the China Arms Embargo Agreement but the transactions were carefully disguised, sometimes preventing exact and categorical evidence. Moreover, not all the Powers adhere to the Embargo Agreement, while among the Powers who were party to the Agreement there were differences of opinion regarding interpretation.—Reuter.

GAMBLING CHARGE.

CLUB NOT A GAMING HOUSE.

Charges of keeping a gambling house, and of gambling, were preferred against eleven Chinese, before Mr. Schofield this morning, at the Central Police Court, and all were discharged. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defence, and Detective Sergeant McEwen prosecuted for the police. Six men only appeared in Court.

It appears that a raid was carried out at the Wah Seong Club, at 26a Des Voeux Road, on February 9th, when the arrests were made.

Mr. McCallum, who put forward

Claims for Damage.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons, that a preliminary list of claims in respect of damage to British property in China was filed with the Foreign Ministry in Peking on May 13 last year, but that probably there would be many further claims arising out of the recent attack and disturbances, including claims from missionary bodies, mercantile firms and private individuals.

Severe Battle.

Slowly the news of what actually happened has leaked through and it appears to be this. About forty li beyond Lan Chi, Sun's forces under General Mong were attacked by the Southerners in considerable force, some fourteen thousand having just arrived to reinforce the retreating troops of Chow Veng-ki, formerly at Chekiang leader.

Southern Reverse.

Forces from Dong Lu immediately attacked Yen Chow and after a struggle lasting part of three days the remaining force of two hundred Southerners was driven out or captured. Bai Baosan immediately moved his forces from Fu Yang to the Lan Chi front where he was able to force the Southern army out and beyond the city of Chu Chow which to-day rests in the hands of the Allies.

UNMUZZLED DOGS.

KOWLOON LADY FINED.

Mrs. Cameron, of the Clermont Hotel, Kowloon, was fined \$7 by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for allowing two dogs to be abroad without a muzzle or lead.

U. S. AND RUBBER.

HOW TO ACQUIRE PRODUCE INTEREST.

New York, Feb. 16.

Speaking at a dinner of the New York Rubber Exchange Mr. J. J. Broderick, Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy hopes that Americans would invest capital in British concerns financing the production of crude rubber, as this would tend to make the United States' viewpoint not merely that of a consumer but also a producer of rubber and would help to take the hard edges out of the situation.—Reuter's American Service.

HEAVY REVERSE.

MARSHAL SUN'S BIG SET-BACK.

A CRITICAL POSITION.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

It now seems certain that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has suffered a major reverse in Chekiang, being pushed back close to Hangchow.

Reliable quarters report that the Nationalists have appeared at various points within 18 miles south-west of Hangchow.

The bulk of Sun's forces are apparently drawn up to the west of Hangchow for a last stand.—Reuter.

QUAKE LASTS FOUR HOURS.

SEVERE AS BIG JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.

RECORDED IN HONGKONG.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

The Central Observatory has recorded a heavy earthquake off Kamchatka, starting at 10.30 this morning and lasting for 4½ hours.

It is considered to be as severe as the great Japanese earthquake of 1923. Although it was not felt in Tokyo, Northern Japan experienced it slightly. No casualties and no damage, however, have been reported from there.—Reuter.

CANTON STRIKE SETTLED.

CARGO BOAT TROUBLE ENDED.

A Chinese report from Canton states that the strike of cargo boatmen, which has caused much disorganization to trade, was settled yesterday when representatives of the Cargo Boat Union and the mechanics attended a meeting of the Arbitration Commission.

Recently, these rival groups have had one or two armed clashes on the Bund, but at yesterday's meeting a pact was signed and both parties agreed not to create further trouble.

The exact nature of the agreement is not yet disclosed, but the cargo boatmen have resumed work.

TIENTSIN RIOT.

ATTACK ON BRITISH DIRECTOR.

RESCUED BY SIKHS.

As briefly reported by cable at the time, an alarming outbreak of lawlessness against a Briton occurred at the Breslin-Griffith Carpet Factory, Soochow Road, in the ex-German Concession at Tientsin at about 10 o'clock on the morning of the 5th instant, when a brutal assault was made on Mr. Fred Thomas, Managing Director of the firm, by a mob of some 350 workmen.

Mr. Thomas declares that had it not been for a heroic rescue effected by two Sikh watchmen, he might have been killed by the infuriated men. As it was, he received a brutal blow on the head the force of which smashed the stout walking stick with which it was dealt, to splinters.

WUCHANG TO BE THE CAPITAL.

DECISION OF KUOMINTANG COUNCIL.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

Any lingering doubt as to the capital of the Nationalist Government being in the Wuhan region or delay in transferring the Central Kuomintang from Nanchang to Wuhan, is dispelled by a telegram from Nanchang, says the Canton Gazette.

The Government has received a telegram from the Secretariat of the Political Council of the C. E. C. of Kuomintang notifying the postponement of the conference of the whole group of the Central Executive Members, which it was decided to hold on 1st March. The telegram reads:

"To Ministers Hsu, Soong, Chen, and Sun in Hankow, the Branch of the Political Council, the Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters, the Provincial Government in Canton.

A decision has been adopted by the Central Political Council at its 58th Conference held on the 8th inst., to remove the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, and the Nationalist Government to Wuchang, in compliance with the request of the people, and of the various organized bodies, and since the removal of the above-mentioned organs to Hupoh has now been decided upon, the conference of the whole group of the Central Executive Members, which was to be held on 1st March, should be held after the close of the military operations in the south-eastern part of the country, when another date will be fixed for the convention of the said conference."

(Sd.) Secretariat of the Political Council of the C. E. C. of Kuomintang, 10th February.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

HAS FRANCE MISUNDERSTOOD?

Washington, Feb. 16.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg is of opinion that the French reply to President Coolidge's disarmament memorandum apparently reveals a misunderstanding of the proposals at several points.

A message from Rome says it is believed in authoritative quarters that the Italian reply, shortly to be despatched will be in the negative.—Reuter.

SNOW AVALANCHE.

A CALIFORNIA DISASTER.

New York, Feb. 16.

According to a message from Fresno City, California, it is reported that 11 persons were killed, 20 injured and that three are missing as the result of a snow avalanche having struck the camp of the California Edison Company, at Big Creek, about 75 miles west of Fresno City.—Reuter's American Service.

NICARAGUA'S CIVIL WAR.

THE PROTECTION OF BRITISHERS.

London, Feb. 16.

In the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that the United States' Government had undertaken to protect Britishers in Nicaragua, similarly to the protection of citizens of the United States.—Reuter.

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FENG CHANGES.

NO LONGER REAL CHRISTIAN.

HYMNS AS ROUTINE.

The Shansi correspondent of the Peking and Tientsin Times states that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's attitude towards Christianity is quite changed. May be it is too much to say that he is anti-Christian, but, as a matter of fact, he has shown himself rather tolerant of the anti-Christian movement. During Christmas, Marshal Feng and his officers were very busy in Pingliang with theatres and never yet has he attended any meeting at the mission station, nor was anything heard of services for the soldiers until the arrival of General Chang Tze-kiang who is a good Christian. He has preached in the church there several times.

Like Brigands.

Though the troops are claiming that they are Christians, most of them are, in fact, anti-Christian. Now we seldom or never hear them sing Christian hymns, and if they once in a while do so, it is only as a routine. In Lanchow the students demonstrated against Christianity some time ago. They walked through the streets crying "Down with Christianity! Down with Imperialism!" and the soldiers followed after singing Christian hymns!

The troops that are now passing through, and especially Feng Yu-hsiang's bodyguard, are rather demoralised. They live in the peoples' homes and many of them are not much better than brigands. When they leave they take whatever they like. Here on our premises, says the correspondent, they have taken our windows and used them as firewood, broken two locks, and spoiled many other things. It is of no use to complain as the officers seem to be of the same type. Our Higher Primary School and the courtyard are almost constantly occupied by troops. On Christmas Day, troops belonging to Feng Yu-hsiang's bodyguard arrived here. I asked them gently to find another place on that day, because many church members had come in from the country for the Christmas meetings and we had no room to spare.

Threat To Shoot.

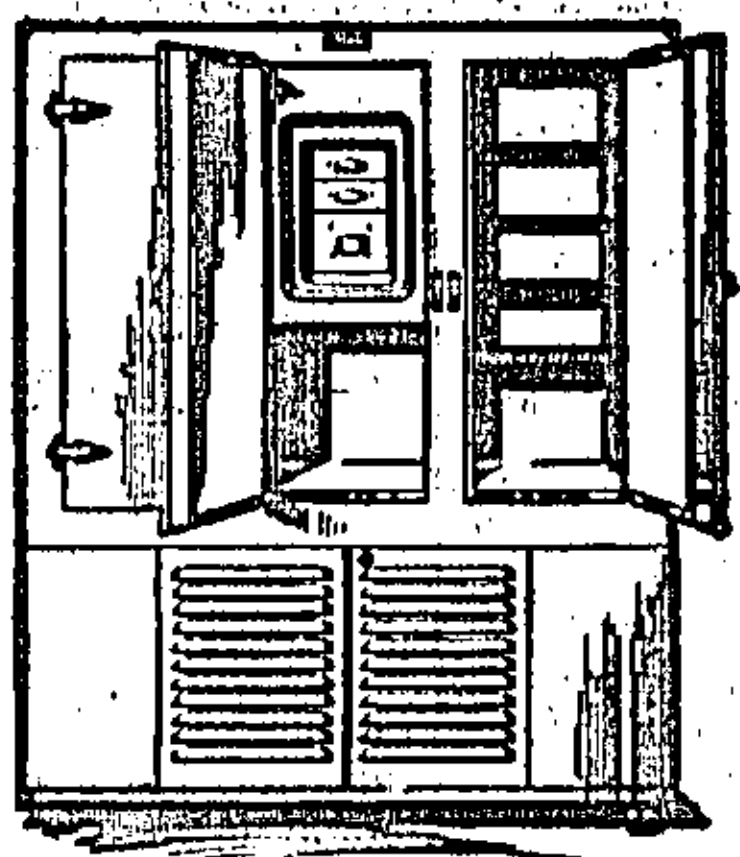
Then one of the soldiers threatened to beat me with a stick, and another rough fellow loaded his gun saying that he was going to shoot me if I made further objections. I had no way but to give them the premises they wanted, and prepared in our private rooms for the church members and other Chinese guests. But after a while they came in to take these rooms too. Then I asked the Magistrate for protection. He sent a man over and persuaded them to leave our private premises. Afterwards, I heard that they had gone over to the Yamen and asked the Magistrate to come out, intending to beat him, but, pretending that he was sick, he did not come.

Tupan Rivalry.

Marshal Feng is now going to Sianfu. It is stated that he has some troubles to face there. According to fairly reliable reports, the three Generals, Sun Liang-cheng, Yu Yu-jen and Pang Chen-wu, all want to be appointed Tupan of Shensi, and each of them is of the opinion that he is the one who has deserved the post. Hence Feng Yu-hsiang is said to have urged the 2nd Kuominchun leader, General Li Hu-cheng to continue in charge of military affairs, but he has refused. General Sun Liang-cheng may be the right man. He has great ability and is a good Christian. Furthermore he has very little to do with the Reds and has no Russian advisors. It was he who was Commander-in-Chief when the Kuominchun defeated the "Allies" in Kansu last year. General Yu Yu-jen is rather Red. He accompanied Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang on his journey to Russia, and since his return has been propagating Bolshevism wherever he has been.

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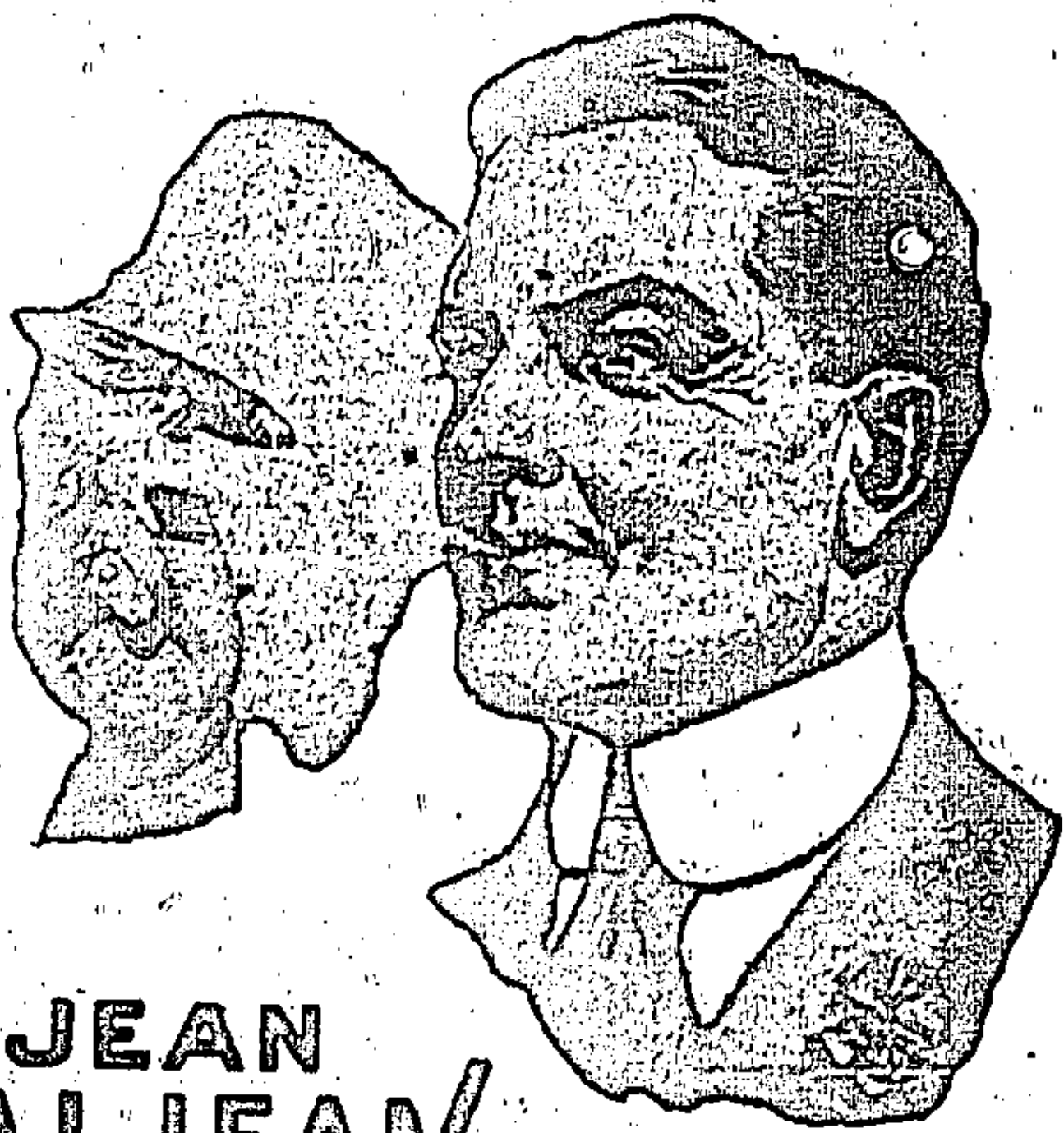
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KOWLOON MATTERS.

REVIEW OF K. R. A. WORK.

The annual report of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association has just been published. It is a printed document of sixty-six pages, from which we take the following extracts.

Rents Ordinance.

This year the Government announced its intention to allow the Rents Ordinance, which had been in operation under various forms for 5 years, to lapse on the 30th June. The Committee debated the subject at the beginning of May and saw at once that there were two sides to the question, but also saw clearly that the views of its constituents should be ascertained and their wishes followed. By means of a referendum, the general feeling of the members was tested and, as 81 per cent. of the responses were in favour of an appeal to the Government to continue the Ordinance in operation, a petition to that effect was sent forthwith.

Fair Rents Board.

The Rents Ordinance was not renewed, and the Committee, after receiving a number of complaints concerning increased rents, proceeded to appeal to the Government to institute a "Fair Rents Board," in accordance with 92 per cent. of the responses to the referendum on that point. The Government, in reply, asked whether it was not a fact that there are many vacant houses and flats in Kowloon suitable for the various classes of the community and what classes of the community were particularly referred to. The Committee emphasised the shortage of vacant premises of any sort in the Tsim Sha Tsui district. The Government finally wrote to say that it was not prepared to interfere, as it considered that time must be given to allow rents to find their proper economic level.

Registration of Servants.

An interesting letter was received in July asking whether the Committee could guarantee the support of the Association in the event of an employment agency being established by private enterprise. The letter stated that the details of the scheme had been laid before the Government, following its intimation that it would give consideration to any concrete proposals along those lines, but that the Government, after waiting the arrival of the new Governor and having sought information from Ceylon, replied that as at present advised it cannot in present circumstances associate itself with any private scheme for the registration of domestic or other employees. The Committee, after full consideration, resolved that, in view of the many difficulties, it could not guarantee the support of the Association unless the scheme proposed had the support of the Government.

Kowloon Traffic.

Coming now to questions of traffic, the first matter dealt with was the decision of the Government to postpone completion of the work at the dangerous corner by the Peking Theatre, at the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads. The Committee added their strong protest to others which were being made, and the work was resumed.

Improvements in the Bus Service are gradually being carried out along the lines of the recommendations made in 1924 by the K.R.A. The system of fixed stopping-places has been put into force and the Committee has from time to time suggested additions and modifications. The use of a sign to indicate a "Full Bus" was urged and is being adopted.

On the basis of the Sub-Committee's report a number of further points were brought to the attention of Government;—e.g. the bad condition of the road to Kowloon Tong Estate, the obstruction by trees in Canton Road and by lamp-posts in Nathan and Salisbury Roads, riding on foot-boards of buses, crowding of first-

class seats by constables, postmen and bus employees. The Government's replies to each point were satisfactory except in regard to the removal of trees in Canton Road, which the Committee urged again.

The attention of the Police was called to the dangerous speed at which the Kowloon City buses emerge into Jordan Road beside the Diocesan Girl's School.

An effort was made to secure a system of monthly tickets, available for all buses. The three Companies accordingly prepared a scheme, but one so impracticable that it was not worth discussing.

Star Ferry Approach.

Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry Approach was engaging the attention of the Government, the Committee resolved to ask the Government if it would be good enough to acquaint the K.R.A. with the outline of the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time a Sub-Committee was formed to scrutinise any plans which the Government might see fit to send. The Sub-Committee worked out a plan, independently and it has been forwarded to the Government.

Wharf Improvements.

The Star Ferry Company sent a copy of their projected plan for the improvement of the Hongkong wharf for the consideration of the Committee. A Sub-Committee was formed to deal with it, and successive plans were produced until the Company were enabled to prepare one which embodied all the suggested improvements and met with the cordial approval of the Committee.

It may be added that other improvements in the service, such as the extra ferry at 8.15 a.m. for example, have been willingly introduced by the Company on the representation of the Committee.

Children's Playground.

In connexion with the Children's playground a set of rules was submitted by the Police Department and certain modifications suggested by the Committee.

A better arrangement was made in regard to the watchman so that he could remain till the night, thereby ensuring quiet after dark.

It is with regret that the Committee report the slow negotiations for the extension of the playground to part of the fields near Holt's Wharf. Railway material obstructing the ground has kindly been removed by the Railway Company but other work has been delayed.

Application was made for a recreation ground for Chinese youths on vacant ground on the South side of Argyle Street. The Government replied that part of the ground has been allocated for that purpose but to acquire and allocate the whole is not possible.

Kowloon Hospital.

In connexion with the Kowloon Hospital, an incident occurred which gave the Committee another opportunity to plead with the Government to allow patients to be attended by their own Medical Practitioners if they so desire. In this way, although the Government declined to alter its decision, it is kept in mind of the wish of residents and its own original intention.

Personnel of Committee.

It should be noted that Mr. C. W. Skeet, who was elected Hon. Secretary at the annual meeting, was transferred to Shanghai in April and Mr. J. L. Parren was appointed to the post which he has filled with ability and devotion. Mr. Skeet's place on the Committee was taken by Mr. Colbourne Little. Mr. E. Cook left on furlough in April. Mr. F. J. Easterbrook was asked and agreed to take Mr. Cook's place.

Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treasurer in his report states: There were 264 members on the 31st December, of whom 18 have not yet paid their subscription for 1926.

The Balance at hand on the 31st December, 1926, was \$774.95, made

PROPERTY SALE.

KEEN COMPETITION FOR CENTRAL LOT.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday, property situated on Des Voeux Road and Wing On Street was put up for auction by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, the sale attracting a large attendance which was few short of 100.

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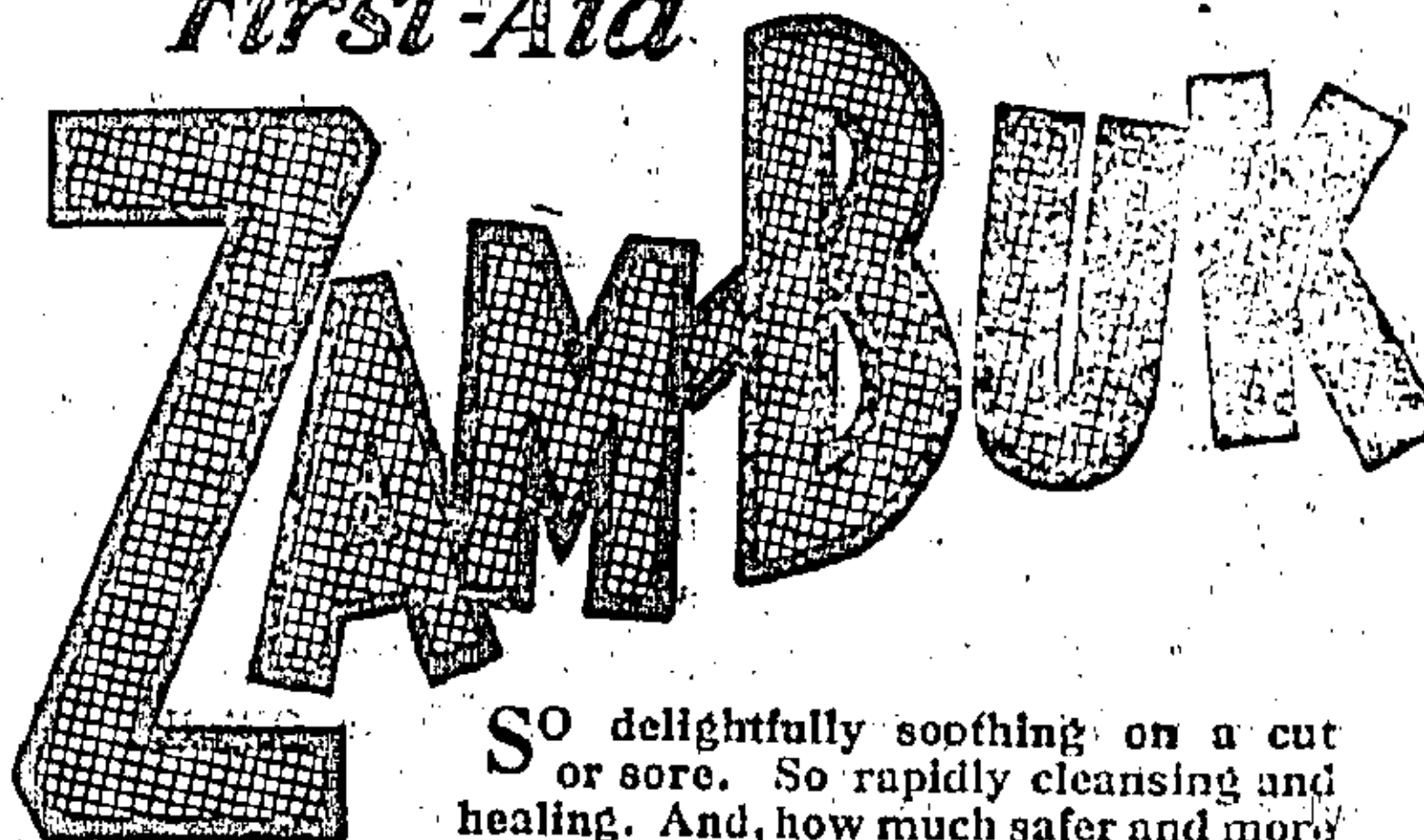
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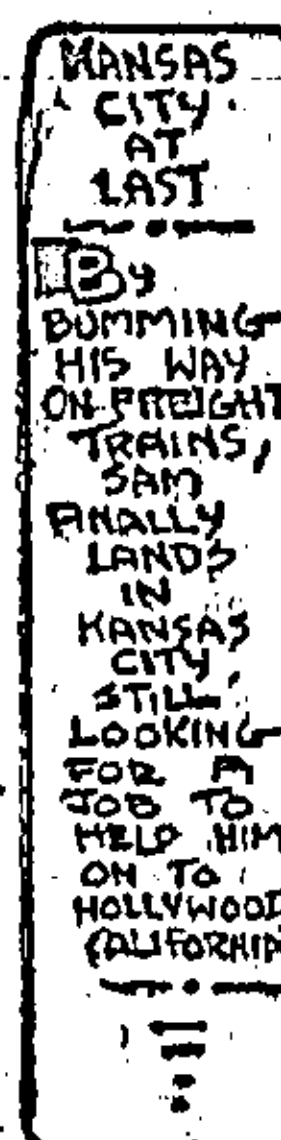
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ADMIRAL LATIMER.—Julian L. Latimer, U.S. Navy who is in charge of the naval forces in Nicaragua.



THE WORK OF THE LATE MR. DERWENT WOOD.—A general view of one of the rooms at Burlington House devoted to the work of late Mr. Derwent Wood. In the centre is "Daedalus and Icarus," which was awarded the R. A. Gold Medal in 1895, and on the right at the back his marble bust of Henry James. (Times copyright.)



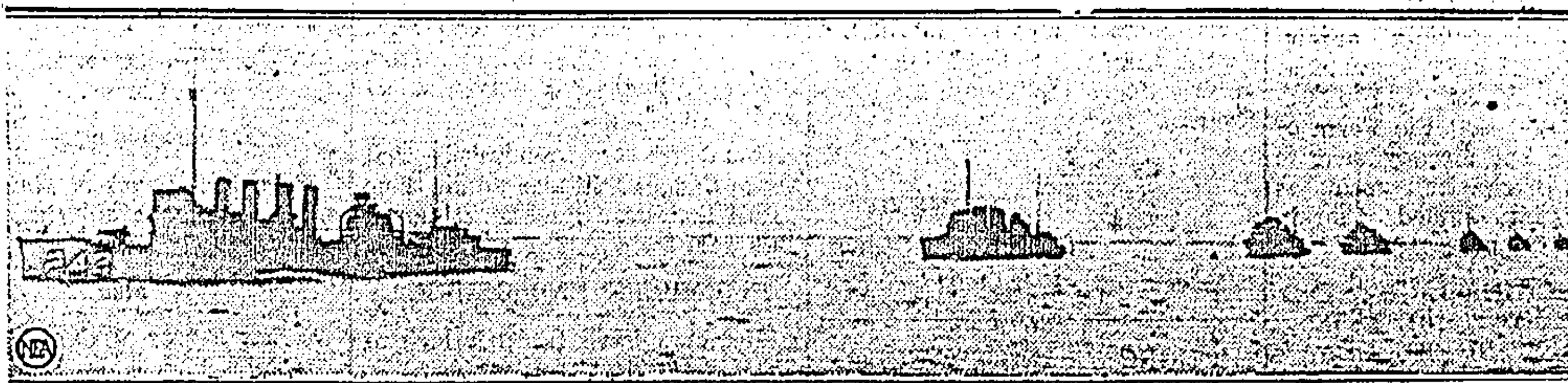
BLACKHEATH'S EASY WIN OVER THE HARLEQUINS.—A passing movement in the match between Blackheath and the Harlequins at the Rectory Field, when Blackheath won by five goals and two tries (31 points) to nothing. Sir T. G. Devitt (Blackheath) is seen with the ball; J. G. Kemp and F. H. X. Gwynne are seen following, and W. E. Tucker is on the right marked by the Harlequin players. (Times copyright.)



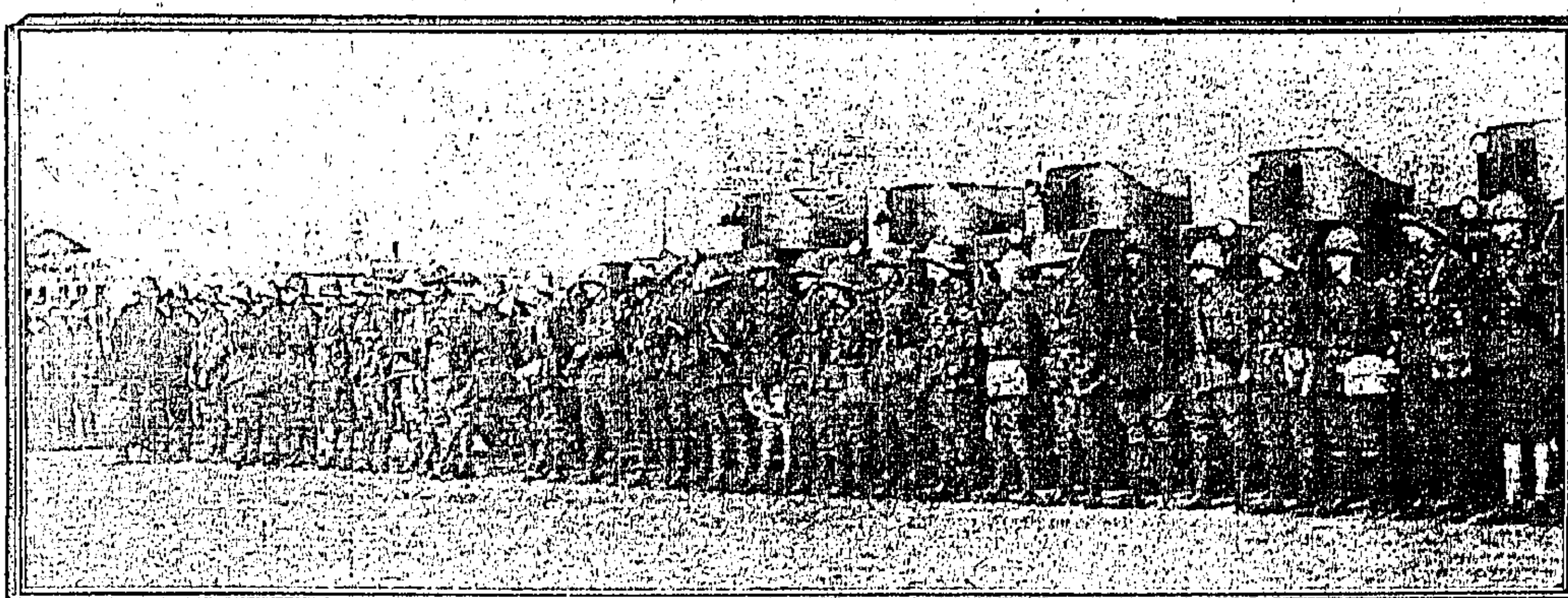
CULINARY QUEEN.—Famed as a cook throughout Great Britain is Mrs. Rosa Lewis. From the range, she rose to proprietress of the Cavendish Hotel, London, and chef to royalty.



FAILED.—Dr. Julius Curtius, who was asked by President Hindenburg to form a new Cabinet in succession to Dr. Marx, but who failed. Dr. Marx has since formed a Coalition Cabinet.



AMERICAN DESTROYERS.—Destroyers of the United States fleet nosing southward out of Hampton Roads for winter battle practice in Cuban waters. Their departure followed closely the sailing of other men-o-war from Newport News to reinforce Rear Admiral Julian Latimer's command, supporting the Diaz conservatives in Nicaragua.



SHANGHAI VOLUNTIERS.—Part of the Machine Gun Company, S.V.C., as seen at the Volunteer Inspection at Shanghai recently. The Machine Gunners were represented by about 150, which is approximately 75 per cent. of the company's total strength.



TO MARRY.—Miss Matilda Houghton, daughter of the American ambassador to Great Britain, Alanson A. B. Houghton, is to marry Chandler Parsons Anderson, of New York. He for some time was private secretary to Ambassador Houghton.



SCOUTS' ANNUAL DINNER.—Photo taken on the occasion of the annual Scout dinner at Shanghai. Mr. Millington, District Commissioner, presided. During the course of the dinner the shield presented by Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co. was presented to the Nanyang Troop, who won it at the last Jamboree. A camp fire and sing-song followed the dinner.

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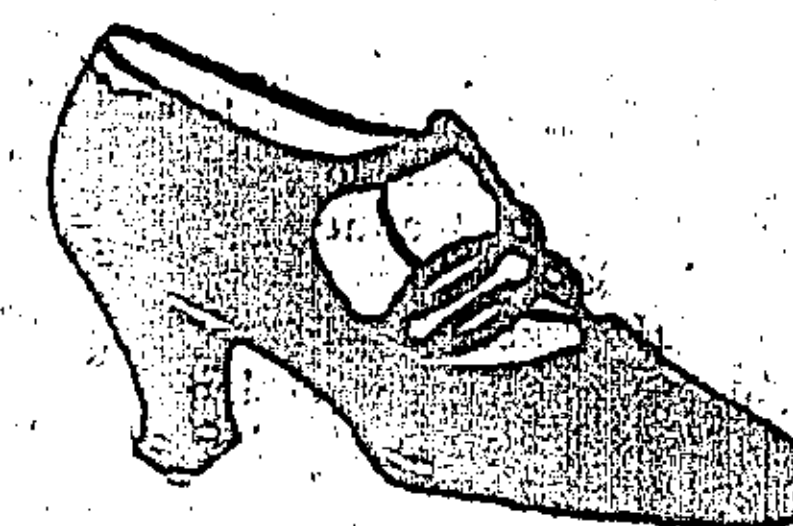
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INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LIMITED.Entry forms can be had from Messrs. Linstead & Davis. By kind permission of the Stewards of Hongkong Jockey Club, Members of that Club are cordially invited to take part in our inaugural race Meeting which is to be held on 19th & 20th February. Transhipment and accommodation of ponies can be arranged with the Secretary of this Club.
Macao, 7th February, 1927.**BOARD RESIDENCE.**

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, February 14th, 1927, to Thursday, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, February 5th, 1927.**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.****V. R. C.**

The Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Club, on Friday, 18th instant, at 6 p.m. All Members are requested to attend.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LTD.**NOTICE.****3RD RACE—SECOND DAY.****"The Hongkong Plate."**

A cup has been kindly presented by Mr. Hee Cheong, Chairman, of the PRESIDENT HOTEL, LTD., Macao, to the winning Jockey of the above race.

By Order,
GEO. CHENG,
Clerk of the Course.**NOTICE.**

The Seventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON, on MONDAY, 21st February, 1927, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year 1926.
Election of Officers and Committee for 1927.Any other business.
The presence at the meeting of all interested in the welfare of Kowloon is solicited and expected, whether they are members of the Association or not.F. W. STAPLETON,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1927.**THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD.**With reference to the Notice to Shareholders of this Company dated 17th September, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st March, 1927, instead of 1st October, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of the Call.
Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 30th June, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 30th June, 1927.FOR THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1927.**HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.****TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

Competitors in the OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES & DOUBLES are requested to make a note of the date fixed for each match.

A list of dates and matches is posted in the Pavilion.
The dates fixed will be strictly adhered to, subject only to weather conditions.**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.****PROSPECT PLACE, BONHAM ROAD.**

School will reopen on February 19th. Entrance Examination for New Students on Friday, February 18th, at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus for Boarders and Day boys, apply—

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.**Prospect Place.****THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 6th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.**THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.****HONGKONG.**

Next Term will begin on Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at 9 a.m.

New Boys will attend on Monday, February 28th, 1927, at 9 a.m.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
M. A. Oxon,
Headmaster.**U. S. R. C.****TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

All rounds up to and including the Semifinals are to be completed on or before Sunday, Feb. 27th. The Finals will be played on Thursday, March 3rd; when the annual "At Home" will be held.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.Sealed Tenders will be received at the office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Headquarters, Offices, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong until 12 o'clock noon on the date stated for the undermentioned service for a period of six months commencing 25th Feb., 1927.
M.T. Vehicles.

24th February, 1927.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily, except Sundays.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LTD.

The Inaugural Race Meeting under the auspices of the above Club, will be held at Area Preta, on Saturday and Sunday, 19th and 20th February, 1927.

First Saddling Bell (First Day) at 1.30 p.m.
First Saddling Bell (Second Day) at 12.00 Noon.

Madame de Sousa Barbosa has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony, at 12.00 Noon.

Refreshment and Tea obtainable at the Course. Special Bus Services between Wharf and the Race Course.

By Order,

GEO. CHENG,
Clerk of the Course,
Macao, 16th Feb., 1927.**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share can be registered.

By Order
of the Court of Directors.A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1927, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.By Order,
of the Board of Directors,JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.**NOTICE.****HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company, will be closed from TUESDAY, February 22nd to MONDAY, 7th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate No. 1639—100 Shares
Nos. 58710/58809.Certificate No. 2748—150 Shares
Nos. 149756/149905.Certificate No. 58—33 Shares
Nos. 154006/154088.

All in the name of Mrs. Young Kwai Shim.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING 1927.**28th February, 1st, 2nd,
and 5th, March.**MEMBERS' BADGES.**

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10. each per day or \$30. for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4. per day—Each member can obtained upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3. per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1. per day.

Admission by ticket only.**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.**LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS****PUBLIC AUCTION.**

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY.the 17th February, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 86, Nathan Road (Ground floor), Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Full particulars from catalogue.)

On view from Wednesday, the 16th February, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY.the 18th February, 1927,
commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

8 Bales Leather.
1 Case Leather.2 Bales Coloured Paper.
1 Case Axes.1 Case Screw Hooks.
20 Tins Oil.1 Lathe
1 Case Printing Ink.1 Case Handkerchiefs.
1 Case Laces.

25 Doz. Shoe Polish.

A Quantity of Perfume, Toilet Powder and Sundries.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY.the 21st February, 1927,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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A Nice Assortment of Chinese Curios.

comprising:—

Porcelain, Bronzes, Jade, Chinese Prints, Embroideries, Agate, Amber, Crystal, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Canton Black-wood and Foochow Lacquered Ware.

(Further Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View from Saturday, the 19th February, 1927.

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Capt. F. Sudell R.N.R. carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port on or about Friday, 18th February, 1927, at 4 p.m. taking Passengers and Cargo, for the above Ports.

Silk, Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this office until 5 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

For further particulars, apply to

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & COMPANY,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGES.

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA

has received instructions to sell

by

PUBLIC AUCTION**on FRIDAY,**

the 18th day of February, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the China Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property,

situate at Queen's Road, West, Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office as The Remaining portion of Sub-section Two of Section B of Inland Lot No. 834.

IN ONE LOT.

The property consists of the newly erected restaurant intended to be used by the Chung Kwok Restaurant.

The area of the property is 14,662 square feet or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable in respect thereof is \$37.16 per annum.

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MESSRS. DEACONS,

1, Des Voeux Road,

Central.

Vendor's Solicitors,

or to

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1927.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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And

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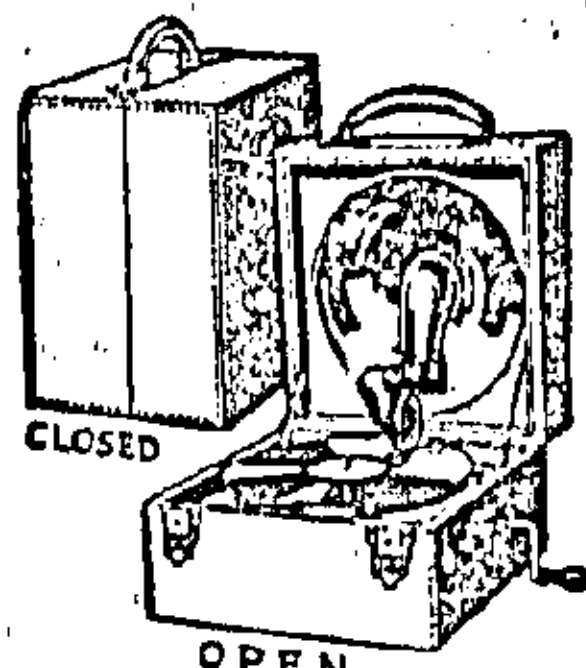
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CHINA CRISIS.

SIR ALFRED MOND'S PLEA.

London, Feb. 16.

"We have no thought of waging war in China or on China," declared Mr. Amery in a speech at the Walthamstow Conservative Club, referring to the Government's policy of sending troops to Shanghai.

He said he was confident that the action contributed to the preservation of peace. The very fact that the men were there would make it unnecessary for them to fire a shot in anger.

It was only because we realised what had happened at Hankow and Kiating that troops had been sent to Shanghai.

The Businessmen's Voice.

Sir Alfred Mond speaking at the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chambers of Commerce represented best the business brains of the country but neither on the question of Russia nor on that of China had their representatives been asked to go to the Foreign Office.

Sir Alfred declared that there was no country he knew where the views of businessmen were so little regarded as at Whitehall. He pleaded for an organised movement by the Chambers of Commerce to spread their views on the Chinese question.—*Reuter.*

DISARMAMENT.

THE ONLY PRACTICAL PLAN?

Washington, Feb. 15.

It is announced that President Coolidge believes his armaments proposal the only practical means of accomplishing a reduction in armaments, particularly in the naval sphere. It is indicated at the White House that the President is strongly of the opinion that no agreement on points particularly interesting to the major naval powers can be expected from the conference including nations not possessing naval forces sufficient in size to fall within the conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NICARAGUA'S WAR.

AMERICAN BLUEJACKETS SAIL.

Washington, Feb. 16.

The Navy Department has ordered the transport Henderson to sail from Philadelphia to Guanatanamo with eight hundred blue-jackets for the scouting fleet, the transports further orders depending on developments in Nicaragua.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SEVERE SNOW STORMS.

LONG LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Official figures show that 168 persons were killed, 53 injured and 29 are missing as a result of snowstorms in north-west Japan. The main train services have been re-routed but it will require a week before all are re-opened. The expenditure in repairing and clearing the railway alone exceeds 2,000,000 yen.—*Reuter.*

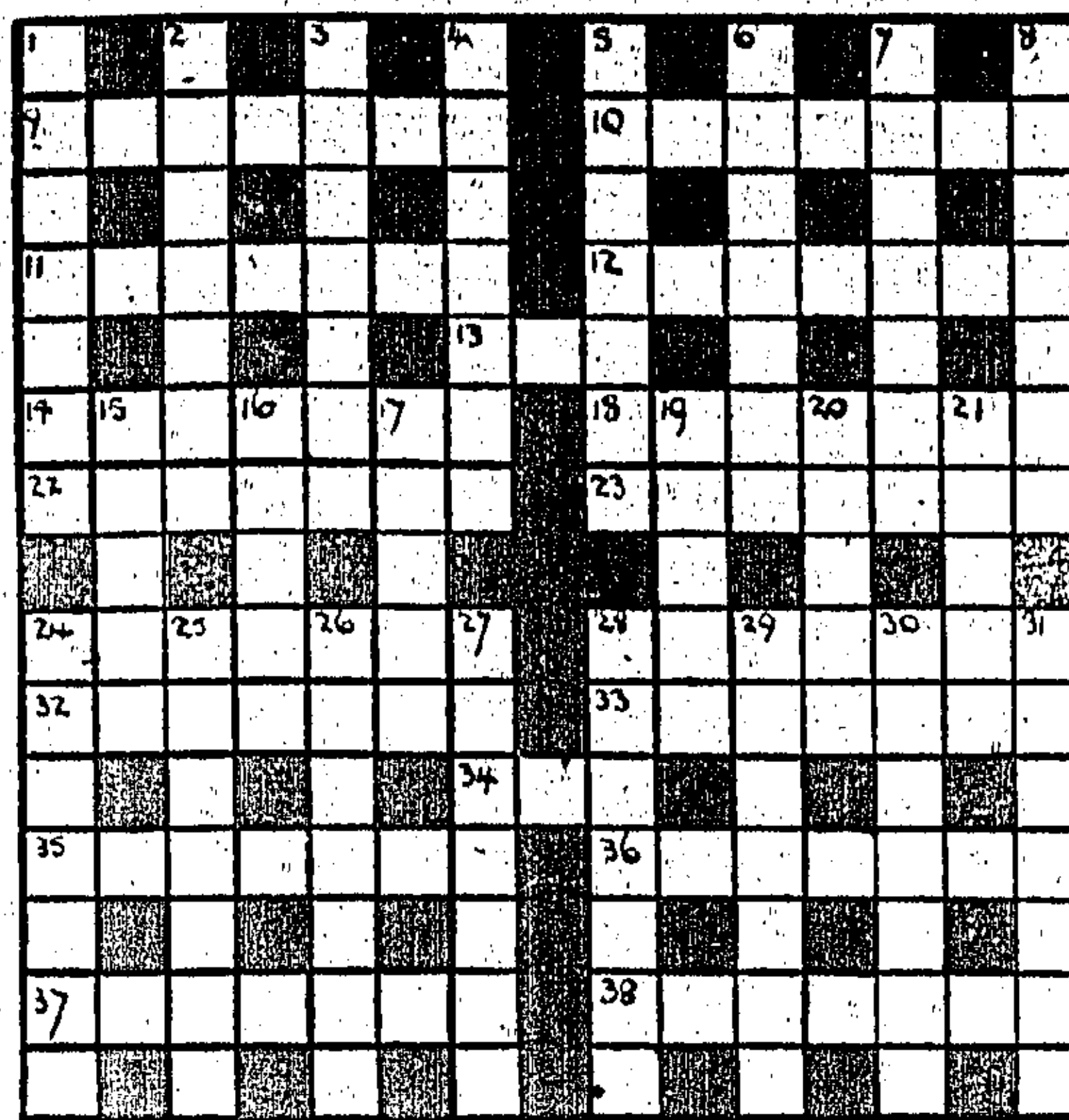
COLOMBO STRIKE.

CRANEMEN NOW OUT.

Colombo, Feb. 16.

The harbour strike is spreading. The cranes have now struck, and trade is considerably affected. Several steamers have been advised not to call at Colombo and others are leaving without landing part of their cargo.—*Reuter.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 9 Tree yielding ben-oil.
- 10 Disturb.
- 11 Keeper of a toll-bar.
- 12 Belief formed without certain evidence.
- 13 Age.
- 14 Spasm with rigidity.
- 18 Everlasting.
- 22 Fundamental part.
- 23 Fleishy fruit, as the mulberry.
- 24 One who changes for the better.
- 28 Withdrew from an association.
- 32 Place where books are bound.
- 33 Comprising a burden.
- 34 Churn.
- 35 Kind of vulcanised rubber.
- 36 Old dance (Shak).
- 37 Worn by clergymen.
- 38 "Swing back the head."

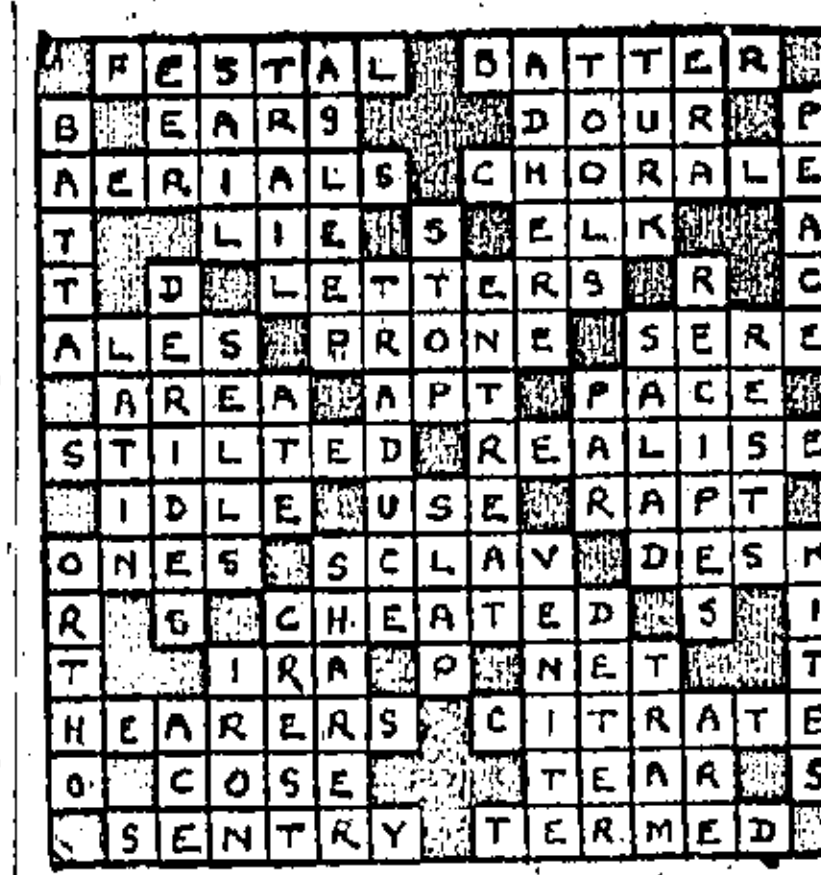
Down.

- 1 Follow as an example.
- 2 Dignitary of the church.
- 3 Flower.
- 4 Serious.
- 5 Colours produced from black and red pigments.
- 6 One who visits.
- 7 Wagon used for transporting cannon.
- 8 Gutters.
- 15 Resinous exudation from various trees.

Correct.

- 17 Bencath.
- 19 Souvenir.
- 20 One who makes rope.
- 21 Assistant.
- 24 Opposite of presence.
- 25 Approve.
- 26 Inferior deity.
- 27 Poles used for mooring punts.
- 28 Entrances to mines.
- 29 Pertaining to decor.
- 30 Lingered.
- 31 Succession of rules of the same family.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



SOUTHERN THRUST.

CAPTURE OF CHUCHOW CLAIMED.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

There are indications of a somewhat rapid and unexpected development in the military situation in Chekiang. The Southerners claim to have captured Chuchow, forty-five miles south west of Hangchow.

Well-informed quarters here believe this report, and also that a Southern offensive is developing in the same region.—*Reuter.*

ORGAN DEDICATED.

CEREMONY AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

There was a good attendance at St. John's Cathedral last evening when the newly constructed organ was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Victoria, the service being extremely impressive.

After the processional hymn, "All People that on Earth do Dwell," and the responses, a prayer of consecration was offered by Bishop Duppuy.

There followed the anthem, sung by the Choir to the music of Sir Joseph Barnby, and the Chaplain the Revd. Copley Moyle read prayers, after which another appropriate anthem was sung to the music of Hugh Blair.

Mr. Mason at the organ then rendered Handel's Minuet from "Berenice" and Rheinberger's Al-

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON TONG SQUATERS.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Mr. Braga's letter in the last issue of your paper answers partly the question raised by me. We know that Mr. Kwong Wong-tin's strong point against the withdrawal of permits to new squatters was their genealogical tree and the fear of an outbreak of famine, Mr. Cressy's piece de resistance, conservatism. But what about the "unassailable" arguments of the other two distinguished members of the Sanitary Board? The public have a right to know, and knowing, bow their heads and say "Magister dixit."

Does Mr. Braga's silence mean that they were led like sheep to the slaughter house, or did they say, in spite of the arguments: "Come one, come all. This rock shall fly as soon as I."—Yours, etc.,
SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.
Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1927.

legro Maestoso from Sonata No. 5. The service concluded with the singing of "O Worship the King, All-glorious Above," and the taking of the collection, the Bishop pronouncing the blessing and the Choir responding with the Seven-fold Amen to the music of Stainer. It should be noted that organ recitals in aid of the Reconstruction Fund will be held on Fridays, February 25 and March 5, at 5.45 p.m. in the Cathedral.



THE UNTOUCHED MEAL.

PEOPLE WHO STARVE WITH FOOD ON THE TABLE.

"NO, I SIMPLY CANNOT EAT."

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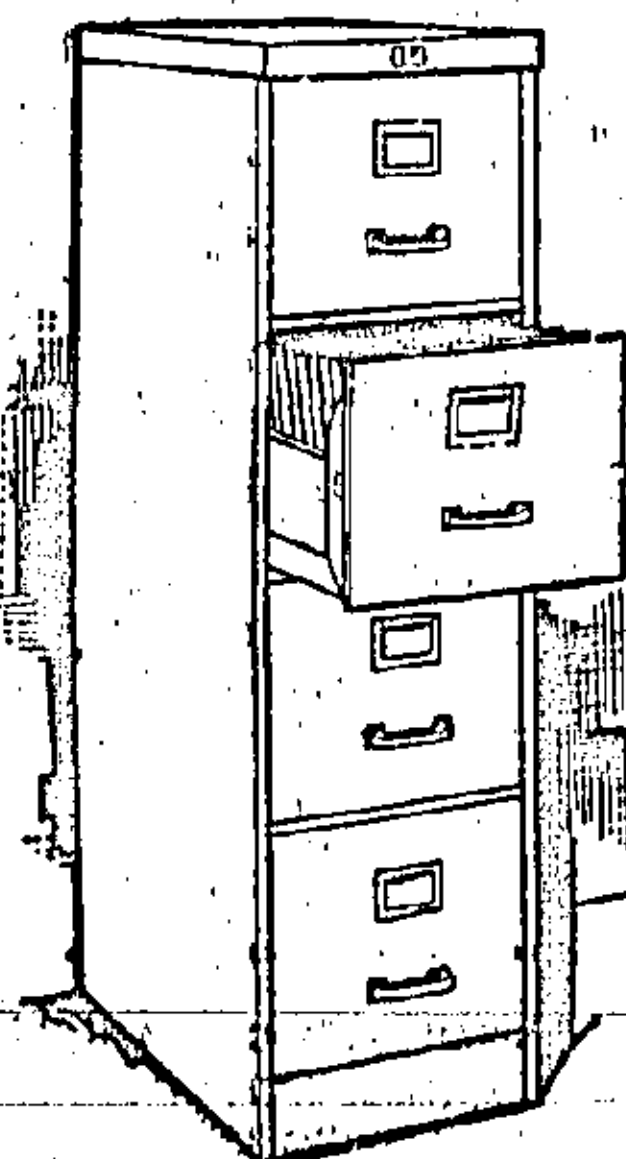
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DISARMAMENT.

The French reply to President Coolidge's memorandum on the subject of naval disarmament will, one imagines, be an effectual stop to the matter going any further—at least for the time being. The Head of the American Republic suggested that the five Great Powers—France, Italy, Britain, Japan and the United States—might authorise their delegates at the Preparatory Commission on disarmament, which is to meet soon, to negotiate for a new agreement limiting the naval armaments of those Powers as regards the smaller classes of warships which were excluded from the Washington Treaty. There could be no possible quarrel with the ideal and aims behind the President's communication, and it was received with almost unanimous approval by the leading journals of the countries to which it was addressed. Britain, in particular, is in favour of reducing expenditure on naval armaments, although it must be recognised that Britain has rather peculiar geographical considerations to bear in mind and that she requires a rather high minimum of certain types of craft.

France has been the first country to make an official reply to the overtures, and, right away, there has been an objection which it will be very hard to overcome. In brief, France is determined to stick to the League of Nations as being the rightful body under whose aegis such a disarmament conference should take place—a conference not limited to the five Powers addressed by President Coolidge but inclusive of all the smaller countries which are members of the League. By its Covenant, the League of Nations is entitled to deal with such a matter, indeed has already advanced several stages along the road, having prepared a comprehensive scheme. To hold a big disarmament conference outside the League would, says France, deal the authority of Geneva a death-blow and result in the exclusion of many small nations whose interests on the question of the limitation of light vessels are vitally concerned. France recognises America's "lofty aim and generous idealism" but explains that, as a member of the League,

she cannot countenance a conference outside its control.

Of course, that reply (especially if it is followed by a similar attitude on the part of Britain) raises once again the thorny and delicate question of the relationship existing between the United States and the League of Nations. The people of America have followed the advice of certain of their leaders to keep aloof from any "entangling relations" with the countries of Europe and have kept out of the League of Nations in pursuance of this policy of "grand isolation." It was that policy which also led to America's reservations regarding her desire to join the World Court—reservations which other countries concerned have not accepted. American leaders (especially among the Republicans, which is the party of President Coolidge) have been advising the American public not to join the League, and it is a direct result of that advice that America now finds herself making a valuable international gesture which is inacceptable because she is outside the one great international body charged with performing a function on all four continents that required of the suggested conference. America's aims for international action have run ahead of her willingness to join an international body by which she, as a member, would be bound. It is doubtful whether American public opinion is as yet ready for an acceptance of the idea of joining the League, though, in our own minds, it is only a matter of time before that great Republic finds itself morally bound to join up with the other nations of the world. This "grand isolation" is not practical, as is now shown. What is most interesting at the moment is—"What will be the nature of the reply from Britain?"

The Labour Unions.

The fact that representatives of Hongkong Labour Unions have been visiting Canton and conferring with the heads of the labour movement in that city has given rise to all manner of rumours, chief among which is one that plans were likely to be devised for the purpose of arranging another general strike. It appears, however, that the visit was not for this specific purpose, but that it was arranged for the discussion of various matters arranged for concerning Unions both here and in Canton. One report says that amongst the subjects discussed was the question of devising ways and means for resuscitating some of the Hongkong labour organisations which have become bankrupt. No doubt various other subjects were also dealt with at the conference which took place. From what we can hear, the question of affiliating the Hongkong Unions with the Canton organisations was considered, but with what results we have not learned. Hongkong, however, would naturally not look too kindly on any scheme designed for the purpose of placing local labour organisations under Canton control. Past experience has made it all too apparent that Canton rule means extremist rule, and were our local Unions controlled from Canton, there would always be present the possibility of serious trouble being provoked at the expense of this Colony. Neither the authorities nor anyone else here objects to properly-managed Unions. Run as they should be, they are lawful organisations which can and should be of great benefit to their members. But any Unions which operate in Hongkong must be subject to the local laws, which aim, not at their suppression, but at their due and proper control. So long as Union leaders and members refrain from political agitation and confine their energies within reasonable limits, they will never have anything to fear in Hongkong.

Tonlose.—A wild boar, which ran right into the middle of the mallee and scattered the players in all directions, was declared the winner of a football game here the other day. The boar was being chased by hunters when it ran into the arena.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE AFRAID TO BE ANYTHING BUT RESPECTABLE; RESPECTABILITY IS THE BOGEY THAT KEEPS US AT WORK.—*Alfred Marton.*

The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club is advertised for Friday, February 18, at 6 p.m.

The P. and O. liner Delta, which left Shanghai at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, is due here at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on 29th January, arrived at Vancouver on 13th February.

Jan. 21.—Warrant Wardmaster R. Francis to Tamar, addl., Jan. 27, and for R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, from date of joining.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Surabaya and Macassar on account of plague have been removed.

Yesterday's health return shows two Chinese cases of small-pox and one further British case of typhoid.

The China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd. advertise that the date for payment of the final call is again postponed to June 30, 1927.

In connection with the opening of the new Racecourse at Macao, the third race on the second day will be for the Hongkong Plate. For the winning jockey of this race, Mr. Hee Cheong has presented a cup.

Detective Sergeant MacDonald applied to Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, for leave to withdraw a summons for disorderly conduct against Najar Ali. He explained that the defendant had become mentally weak, and the complainants were willing to withdraw. He handed in a doctor's certificate last Saturday. The application was granted.

FOOCHOW QUIET.

CUSTOMS FAMILIES RETURNING.

It is gratifying to be able to report that Foochow and Northern Fukien are, generally speaking, enjoying a large measure of peace, says the *Telegraph's* Foochow correspondent writing on the 11th instant. The families of the Customs officials, who went to Pagoda Anchorage two or three weeks ago as a precautionary measure, are now returning to their homes at Nantai, and some have already arrived.

One of the British missionaries who was summarily ejected from his house inside Foochow city on January 16th, is planning (with, of course, the consent of the British Consul) to return to his residence there and to carry on his work which was so cruelly interrupted.

Reorganising Schools.

The Foochow Government has decided to close all Government schools for a month or so, "suspension" all the teachers meantime, to facilitate thorough reorganisation on Kuomintang lines. But it has been made known that private and Church schools are to go on as usual.

Within a month, we are told to expect the promulgation of regulations for the registration of Christian schools, not necessarily the same as in other Provinces, but adapted to the special needs of Fukien. After their promulgation, three months will be allowed to the schools to come into line if they desire to do so.

Practically all British missionaries are still up-country, and a few Americans have either been unable to get to Foochow or have elected to run whatever risks are entailed in staying at their posts.

Troops Disarmed.

No serious trouble has been reported from anywhere, although the 17th Army, in moving northwards, has treated the people very badly. A large body of these troops, suspected of disloyalty to the Nationalist Government, has been forced, after a skirmish near Yenping, to give up their arms and these men are now said to be carrying loads instead.

It is rather remarkable how many places high offices, whether civil, military or naval, are held by Christians—and apparently genuine ones—who attend worship in the local churches. Truly, the situation is full of interest.

PUBLIC MONEY.

VOTES TO BE CONSIDERED TO-MORROW.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has been called for to-morrow morning when the following items of supplementary expenditure will come up for consideration:—

King's College.

The sum of \$689 is asked for on behalf of special expenditure at King's College. It is explained that for 1926 the Finance Committee recommended expenditure of \$1,130 for the equipment of King's College. It was not possible to complete this equipment before the end of 1926, and application is now made for revote of the balance \$689.

The sum of \$358 is asked for on account of special expenditure for Queen's College (fencing Queen's College playing ground) and it is explained that this is a revote of the unspent balance of \$610 recommended by the Finance Committee on 9th December, 1926. It was not possible to complete the work before the end of the year.

Yunnan Scholarships.

The sum of \$1,180 is asked for on account of the Yunnan Scholarships at the Hongkong University. The amount already provided in the Estimates is \$2,300 and regarding this extra sum it is stated that the Yunnan Scholarships are normally for a period of five years but in the event of holders selecting the Medical Faculty an extension of one year is necessary to enable the course to be completed. The sum now asked for is to cover the cost of this extra year at the University for a medical student and to pay his travelling expenses to Yunnan on completion. No provision was made in 1927 Estimates as Government were not aware of the position until after the Estimates were completed and the replacement scholarship advertised.

Work at Au Tau.

Under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary, the sum of \$8,050 is asked for on account of a building for the housing of magnetic instruments at Au Tau in the New Territories. The provision made in 1926 was \$14,000, but of this sum only \$5,950 was spent. In now asking for the remainder of the money, the Government explained that it was thought that the whole of the \$14,000 would be expended in 1926 but the Contract for the Huts was not signed until the 10th December, 1926, owing to the difficulty in obtaining suitable bricks. The item is a revote.

Embossed Stamp.

The Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, under the heading of Special Expenditure, asks for \$120 to defray the cost of a new embossed stamp with pressing machine. It is stated that "this embossed stamp is required for emigration work on the ground floor: every photo and every baggage ticket has to be stamped. The present one is used for W. & G. work on the first floor. It is too heavy (table and lockfast cover) to be lifted constantly from floor to floor and therefore it is desirable to have one on each floor for the sake of convenience and time saving.

Widow's Gratuity.

Under the heading of Charitable Services, the sum of \$3,500 is asked for as a gratuity to the widow of Inspector Gipson of the Sanitary Department. It is explained that "Inspector Gipson, Sanitary Department, died at Port Said after 20 years service at the age of 43 leaving a widow and four young children. A pension of \$76.15.5 plus 25% temporary increase making a total of \$95.19.3 per annum is payable under the W. & O. Pension Ordinance and the widow has no other income. Inspector Gipson had an excellent record and it is recommended that a grant equivalent to one year's salary (\$250) may be made for the benefit of the widow and children. The deceased was returning from leave when he was taken ill and had to be landed at Port Said.

Big Vote.

The Government is asking for \$200,000 to make provision for miscellaneous services. The amount provided in the Estimates was \$23,250 and it is stated that the amount provided under the above sub-head now appears to be inadequate for the Services necessary and a supplementary provision of \$200,000 is requested.

Volunteer A.S.C.

In explaining a request for a further \$1,200 under the heading of Volunteer Defence Corps, the Government state that "at the request of the Military Authorities a small Army Service Corps Unit

The Very Idea!

A professional sword-swallower, feeling unwell, went to see a doctor, and was examined by him. "Just as I thought," said the doctor, "you have been overdoing things."

"What's your prescription then, doctor?"

"No more cavalry sabres or scimitars, no more daggers or infantry swords or cutlasses. Just a few small fish knives to keep your strength up."

"I'll sure give you a ring," said he.

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And she was thrilled until she found

'Twas on the telephone.

Certainly the Church takes surprising liberties with geography. Tristan da Cunha has got a new pastor, the Rev. R. A. C. Fooley, of Waverley, Liverpool, and we are informed that "when Mr. Fooley arrives at Tristan the island will automatically become part of the diocese of Liverpool." A matter of ten thousand miles, must surely be a record in the way of diocesan extension. We are, of course, used to these elasticities within the limits of Europe, which have their best advertisement in the well-known story of Plus IX's affable greeting to the Bishop of Gibraltar: "I believe I am in your lordship's diocese?"

A landlady was asked at Bow County Court why she described her lodger as "peculiar." The landlady: Well—she doesn't wear silk stockings.

Wilkesden woman: The only person who heard her threaten me was my husband, and unfortunately he is stone deaf.

Barrister at Feltham: How many feet was he away? Man! I don't talk about feet. There are so many sizes in feet.

A story of Mussolini, reported in a New York paper. When the King of Italy was signing some State papers, he dropped his handkerchief.

Mussolini picked it up and said—"I trust your Majesty will allow me to keep this as a souvenir." "I fear not," answered the King. "It is the one thing left which you let me put my nose into."

Warsaw.—Because his professor demanded that he cut his hair Jaroslaff Lampin, 18, a Warsaw student shot the instructor dead and then killed himself. Lampin was so proud of his hair that he left it grow long. The professor suspended him for two weeks because he refused to have it cut. When the two weeks were up the youth returned to school with a revolver in his pocket. The professor again ordered him to leave and remain away until his hair was cut. Rather than part with his hair Lampin shot the professor and then himself.

The nation's film should be controlled by the nation.—Lord Asquith.

American films are corrupting morals in every land.—Rev. C. M. Chavasse.

Wherever American films go American goods follow.—Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P.

My medical advisers have asked me to take a sea holiday and rest.—Mr. A. J. Cook.

More "howlers!"

The population in the neighbourhood of coal-fields is very dense because of the smoke coming from the coal.

In going up a mountain we should feel warmer because the hot air rises to the top and the cold air goes to the bottom.

To remove air from a flask, fill the flask with water, tip the water out, and put the cork in quick.

First Gent.—"Parson will 'ave 'is little joke."

Second Gent.—"Wot be 'is latest?"

First Gent.—"Ad I ever thought about bein' teetotal?"

is being formed in the Volunteer Defence Corps. An expense of \$1,200 will, it is estimated, be required for uniform for this unit during 1927. As the project was not suggested until after the 1927 Estimates had been completed, provision has not been made. A supplementary vote of this amount is therefore requested.

ANTI-BRITISH MATTER.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE SEAMEN.

LETTER TO MAGISTRATE.

Specimens of the propaganda literature distributed by Nationalist agitators, which were found being exhibited on board the President Taft when in Hongkong in the crews' quarters, resulted in three Chinese being charged before Mr. R. B. Lindsell this morning. The defendants, Ngai Shun-fai, To Tam, and Mak U-shing were accused of being in unlawful possession of seditious literature, and uttering and distributing the literature. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, prosecuted.

Gross Improprity.

His Worship, at the beginning of the case said:—I have received two letters, signed by a man who purports to be Chairman of the Chinese Seamen's Union, in Hongkong attesting these men innocent, and asking for their release. I mention the matter to draw attention to the gross impropriety of such letters.

Mr. King agreed, and said he believed that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs had received a similar letter.

In outlining the facts, Mr. King said at 10.55 on the 11th inst., Sergt. Goodwin, of the Water Police together with Chinese detectives, went on board the President Taft to carry out routine duties of searching and examination, in the course of which they proceeded to the crews' quarters. Sergt. Goodwin and two detectives entered a small room, and another detective went into a larger room, where he saw about twenty of the crew, who appeared to be saloon boys, standing round a table.

"Enlisting Members."

The three defendants were also at the table. One of them, Mak U-shing, was speaking, and holding in his hand a book, from which translations and extracts had since been made. The detective noticed that there were other books on the table, and, picking one up, he read the first page. He drew Sergt. Goodwin's attention to the book, and asked the men what their business was. They replied that had come from the Seamen's Union, and were enlisting members. In consequence of what the books contained, the men were detained.

After the first witness, a Chinese detective, had given evidence, the first defendant, when asked if he had any questions to put to the witness, admitted that he was agitating.

The books seized, which are copies of a semi-monthly publication called the *Chinese Seamen*, contain inflammatory and anti-British writings, and refer to alleged "massacres" by "British Imperialists."

The first defendant said he was taking new membership certificates to be changed and took copies of the periodical on board with him, and the second man stated he had read the periodicals but found them difficult to understand.

The third man spoke good English and said the statements were published in Shanghai and elsewhere. The statements, he contended, were not calumny against the British.

Stirring Up Trouble.

Mr. Lindsell:—Do you mean to say it is not calumny against the British to say they stirred up trouble between Chan Kwing ming and Wu Pei-fu and other Chinese?

Defendant:—That was merely passed on to us. The defendant added they would not have distributed them had they known the laws of Hongkong.

Mr. Lindsell:—It is perfectly obvious that the sole object of these articles is to stir up feelings of hatred against the British.

Defendant:—It is the news and nothing else.

The case was adjourned.

NORWAY AND SIAM.

CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY.

Geneva, Feb. 16.

Norway has lodged with the League for registration a Treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Siam.—*Reuter.*

Vicenna.—More than 4,000 unemployed, with their families, who squatted on a large area near Orto recently, were driven out by gendarmes. The marshy land near the Danube has been condemned as unhealthy, often being submerged for half a year.

GYPSY TROUPE.

ARGENTINE PARTY'S TROUBLES.

A family of Argentine gypsies, numbering fifteen, including children, having with them a large quantity of gear and effects, landed in the Colony without proper passports, and two men, named John Floris and Steve Floris, were charged before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, with being here without effective papers. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted, and Mr. F. G. Vaux was for the defendants. The case had been previously heard and adjourned.

This morning Mr. Vaux said the defendants had been endeavouring to make arrangements to leave, but the family consisted of fifteen persons, including children, and it was difficult for them to make satisfactory arrangements quickly for such a large group. He had been informed that one son was returning from Manila with passports for all the members of the group. He had not seen the passports, but the son had gone to Manila as a sort of advance agent to see if he could arrange for them all to go there. The business prospects, however, were not good, and he was returning to-morrow.

Much Baggage.

Their baggage in Hongkong consisted of such things as Fair gear, ropes, pulleys, and works, as the people were in the Fair trade, and there were well over twenty heavy trunks. They also had a car which was under repair.

With a view to obtaining, as far as possible, further time from the police authorities, they were prepared to offer another \$100 as security for good behaviour, and also the car, which would be repaired by March 2nd, for what it was worth. They had a certain amount of business in the Colony, including a small shop which was used for palmistry and character-reading, which they had had a wind up. They wanted to travel as a whole troupe, and they wanted to avoid expense as much as possible in going on to their next place, which was why they wanted to stay in Hongkong until they could make complete arrangements.

To Go, To Java.

Mr. Vaux said he believed there were certain other difficulties, such as housing. They also had other business here of a varied nature, and to go to any other Government they would need a visa. What they wished to do was to go to Java, and he understood that arrangements had been made for them to go on March 10th, but he could not guarantee that.

Mr. Vaux asked his Lordship to take everything into consideration, and allow the longest time he thought possible to enable them to make arrangements to go away.

Police Opposition.

Mr. King said they seemed to be in exactly the same position as they were last time. Mr. Vaux had stated that negotiations had been started, but he thought they had been started at the first hearing. He opposed the suggestion that they should stay in Hongkong until March 10th, because the troupe landed here and set up business, knowing that they had no proper papers, and were not entitled to be here at all. To put it quite frankly, he thought it was a "try on" to remain here. However, the police were prepared to be reasonable, and he suggested that the matter be adjourned for a week, when it should be shown that they had made arrangements to leave before the end of the month. If that was not shown next Thursday, he would ask his Worship to register a conviction.

He added he had had no word that a man was coming from Manila with passports.

Mr. Vaux:—I have seen a cable to say he is returning.

Mr. King:—I accept that, your Worship.

His Worship remarked that at the last hearing, it was stated that the passports would be here by to-morrow.

The case was adjourned until next Thursday for the defendants to show that they have made arrangements to leave before the end of the month.

Rome.—A shark at least 40 yards long, is the tale brought by the fishermen of Ancona after a trip near the Ancon lighthouse in the Adriatic. Coastguard and lighthouse employees who first saw it took it for a submarine. The monster dived to safety after a torpedero boat gave chase and fired upon it.

HAWAIIAN NEWS.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

Twenty-six nationalities are represented in the National guard of Hawaii, according to the annual report of Governor Wallace R. Farrington. As the "melting pot of the Pacific" the Territory has an international complexion found nowhere else in the United States.

The 106 officers and 1450 enlisted men which comprise the Hawaii guard are racially divided as follows: Hawaiians, 468; Portuguese, 191; part Hawaiians, 153; Chinese, 188; Filipinos, 130; Americans, 123; Porto Ricans, 113; Japanese, 108; Koreans, 33; German, 12; Irish, 11; Scotch, 11; Samoans, 10; Spaniards, nine; French, five; Russians, five; Negroes, four; Hungarians, three; British, three; Mexicans, two; Poles, two; Swedes, two and one each of Canadian, Greek, Jewish and Swiss.

The part-Hawaiians are further classed as American-Hawaiian, British-Hawaiian, Chinese-Hawaiian, Portuguese-Hawaiian, Scotch-Hawaiian, Spanish-Hawaiian, Porto Rican-Hawaiian, Japanese-Hawaiian, German-Hawaiian and French-Hawaiian.

"Hula" Revival.

A revival of the ancient hula and the weird mele of chants of the Hawaiians will be staged in the historic coconut grove at Wai-kiki when the new Royal Hawaiian Hotel is opened this month. The hula is planned as a feature of the pageant which will depict days of royalty in Hawaii.

King Kamehameha, Hawaii's Napoleon, will be represented as he landed so many years ago on the famous beach. Princesses representing the five principal islands will greet him according to the pretty Hawaiian custom. The Hawaiian band will play under the direction of Captain Berger, the aged leader who was its conductor in the days of the monarchy.

Historic Documents.

Valuable historical material has been uncovered in collections recently presented to the Archives of Hawaii. Among the most important documents are State and personal letters formerly in the possession of Queen Liliuokalani, Hawaii's last monarch. Colonel C.P. Iaukea, former chamberlain to King Kalakaua, has placed in the archives a collection relating to the European visits of the King about 1884. The Colonel's royal commissions and diaries of the European trip are included. A group of Hawaiian photographs dated 40 years ago has recently been received from Riverside, California.

Plans for an extension of the archives building in the old Palace Square have been prepared by the department of public works, to accommodate new files. The addition will also furnish space for a research auditorium.

Salmon Experiment.

The first experiment in transplanting salmon to the streams of Hawaii was begun with the arrival at Lihue of 20,000 Chinook salmon eggs. The shipment was sent through from Seattle in refrigerated cases.

The plantings will be made in the Hanalei and Waipihia streams on the island of Kauai where similar experiments with trout have been successful. Trout introduced from the Pacific Northwest have adapted themselves to the warmer waters and are now plentiful in the streams of Kauai, Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu.

Golf Contest.

A new type of golf contest will be instituted at Hilo when the Pol-Pounders meet the Rice-Eaters in a "lose-pay-kaukau" tournament on the Volcano course. According to the arrangement of the tourney the losers will treat the winners to a chop suey dinner. The Pol-Pounders are Hawaiians and their team name is derived from the fact that poi, the Hawaiian's staff of life, is made by pounding the root of the taro plant. The Rice-Eaters are Japanese.

Team names that are unique to Hawaii are found in all of the major sport leagues such as the "Cane-Tops," a member of the Barefoot Football league. District names, such as Kona-Kau Kombi, are also common in island sport circles.

London.—The British Museum library has been growing out of bounds. Containing about 4,000,000 books and increasing by 35,000 to 40,000 books a year, the decentralization of the library is deemed necessary. It is the duty of the British Museum to publish and preserve every book published in Great Britain.

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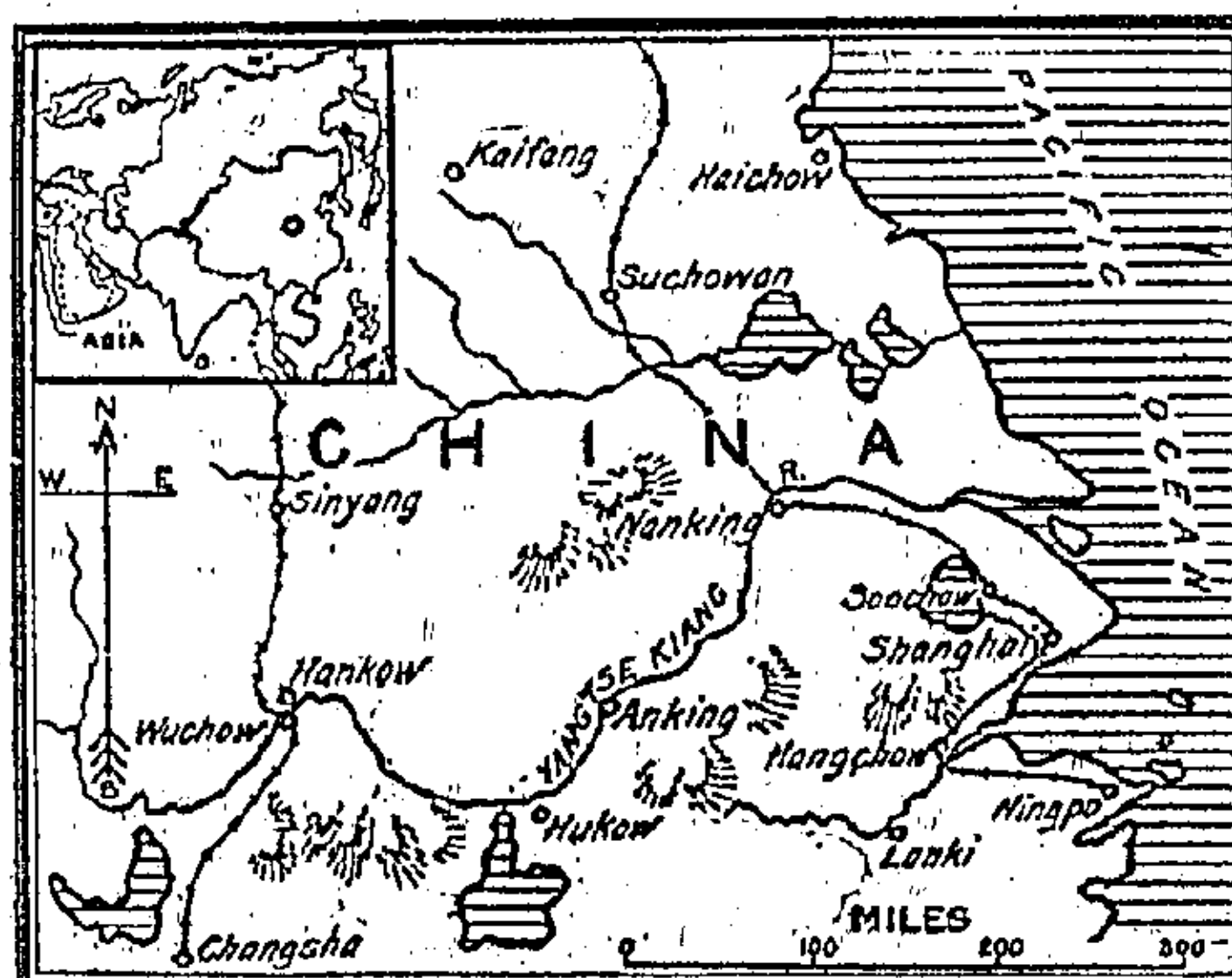
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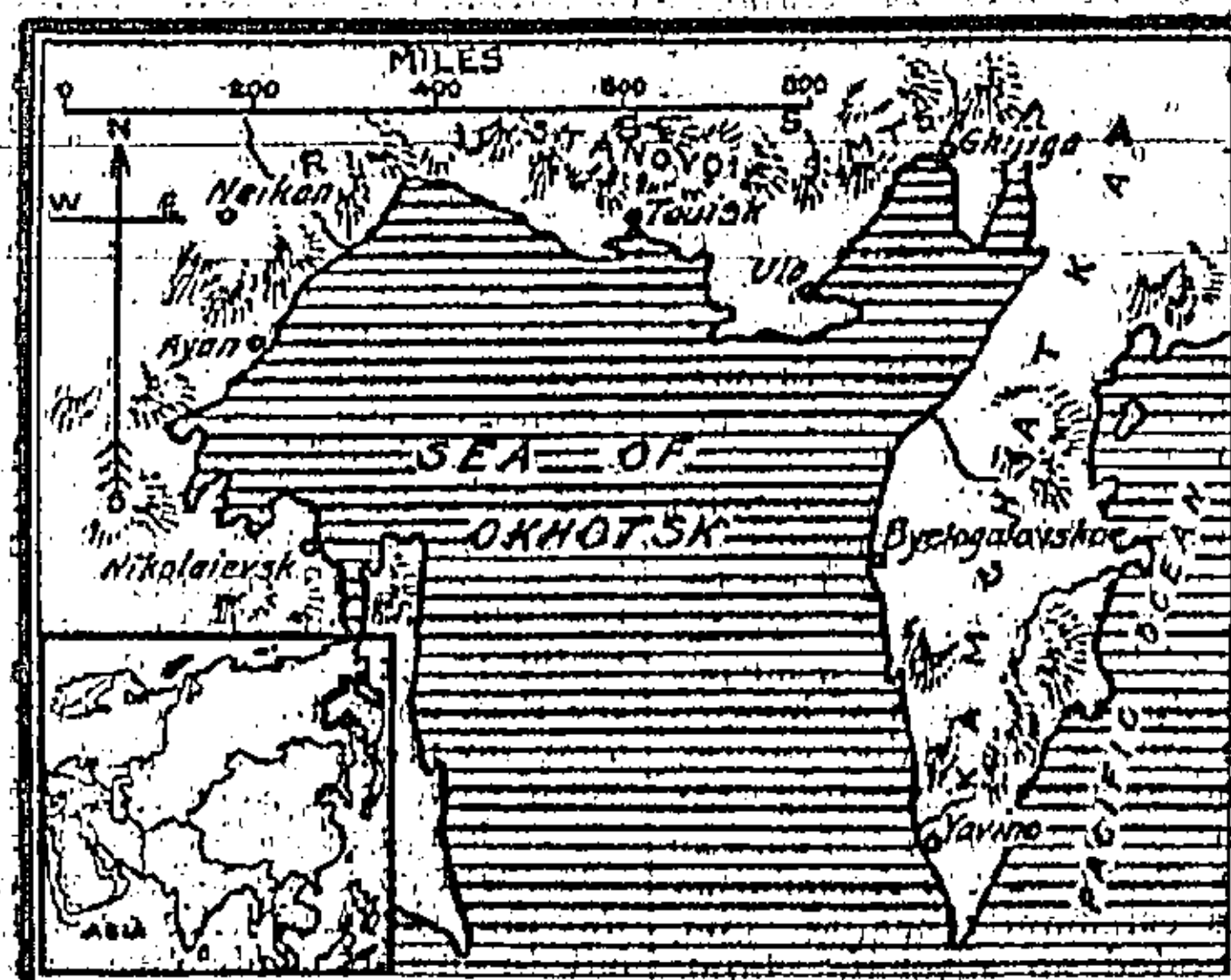
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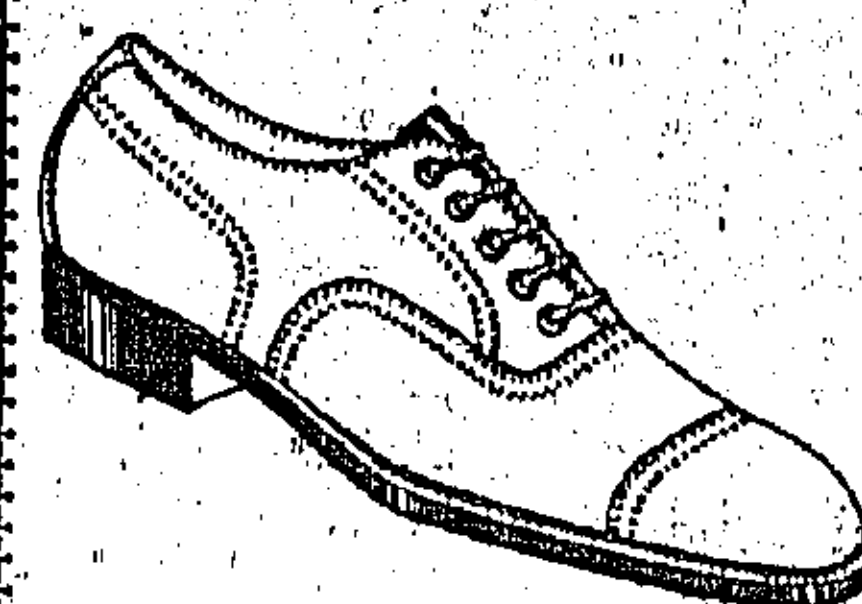


As indicated in to-day's telegrams, the Southern troops are making a thrust towards Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang. It will be seen from the above map that Hangchow is not far distant from Shanghai.

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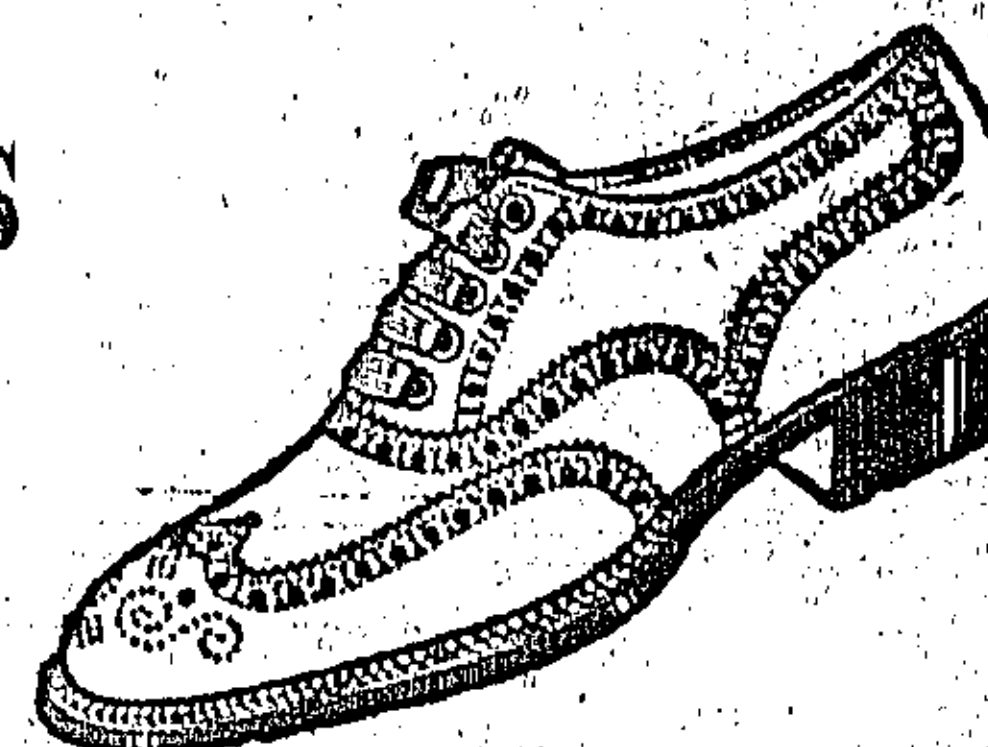


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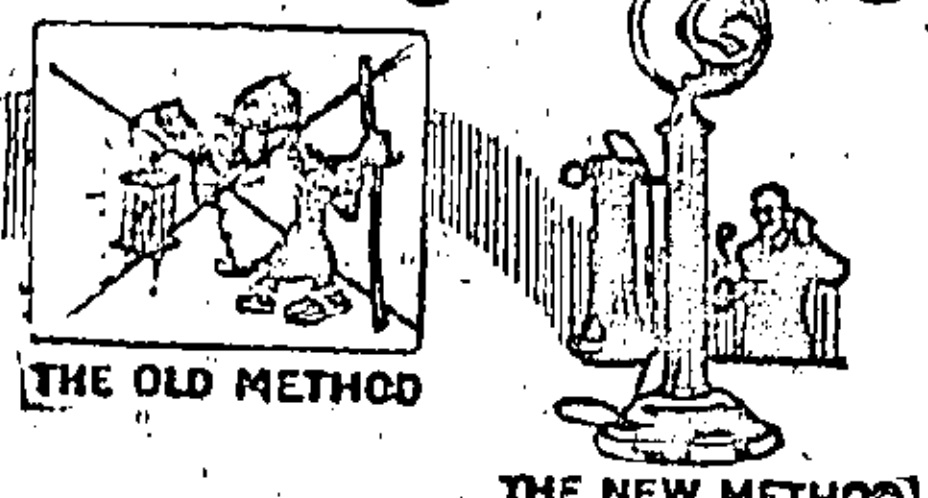
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COLONY'S HEALTH.

HIS EXCELLENCY REVIEWS PROBLEMS.

Problems of public health were
dealt with by Colonel Boylan
Smith, the President of the Hong-
kong branch of the British Medical
Association, and by His Excellency
the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi,
K.C.M.G.) at the annual dinner
of the Association held at the
Hongkong Hotel last night.

There were over forty present,
Colonel Boylan Smith being in the
chair with His Excellency, the
guest of honour, on his right. The
Chairman was supported by the
members of the Council, Professor
John Anderson (Vice President),
Dr. Strahan (Hon. Secretary), Dr.
Sanders (Hon. Treasurer), Dr.
Addison, Surg. Lt-Comdr. Fitzroy
Williams, Dr. Black, Dr. Woo and
Dr. J. C. Macgown.

Proposing the toast of His Ex-
cellency the Governor, Colonel
Boylan Smith said he under-
stood that was the first occasion
His Excellency had dined with the
local branch of the British Medical
Association, and they sincerely
hoped it would not be the last. As
the representative of His Majesty
the King and as Governor of the
Colony, they were glad to welcome
him, but they were particularly
pleased to have him because he was
himself. (Hear hear and ap-
plause). It had been said that a
prophet was without honour in his
own country, but His Excellency
certainly belied that proverb. He
the Chairman had served in a
number of Colonies but he had
known no head of the Government
who was regarded with more es-
teem and respect and admiration
than Sir Cecil Clementi (Ap-
plause).

Health Of the Colony.

Dealing with matters of public
health, the Chairman asked if
those present were satisfied with
the health of the Colony. They
had very good reason to be satis-
fied with the health of the Euro-
pean in the Colony, but he ven-
tured to think no one would say
the health of the Asiatic was all
it might be. They would see from
the 1925 report of the Medical
Officer of Health that some 3,500
infants were registered as having
been born in that year, and that
some 4,700 infants under one year
were reported as having died. That
was a very terrible thing to
have to say. The only interpreta-
tion they could put upon the figures,
was that all the births were not
registered. He quite agreed that
3,500 was by no means any-
where near the true number of
births, but nevertheless
they could not deny that
infant mortality was very high.
Some efforts were made at child
welfare, but the difficulties that
had to be faced were enormous.
He would like to see, if it were
possible, more accurate statistics
kept in this connection.

Statistical Bureau.

Referring to the schools, Colonel
Boylan Smith spoke of a visit to
one school, which, from the point
of view of public health, could
hardly have a superior anywhere.
If all the schools here were like
that, then the Colony was ex-
traordinarily fortunate. He thought
that some records should be kept
of the health of scholars until
they had reached the age of six-
teen. The Chairman urged the
establishment of a statistical
bureau, presided over by a
mathematician, in order that ac-
curate information might be
obtained upon matters of public
health. No one could say that the
statistics at present supplied were
accurate. For instance, in the
report for 1925 the deaths from
enteric fever were given as 61 per
cent. It was ridiculous to suppose
that 61 per cent. of the total cases
died, no matter how they were
treated.

Malaria.

The Chairman urged the registra-
tion of malarial fever as a noti-
fiable disease, and spoke of a re-
cent visit by a prominent naval
malaria officer from Singapore,
who had said Hongkong was three
years behind the times in the mat-
ter of malarial prevention. He
certainly thought there ought to
be a malarialist in the Colony.
If it was possible to eradicate
malarial fever on the Island, then
he thought it would be well worth
while. (Hear hear). The death
rate would be reduced, the health
of the community would be im-
proved and everybody would benefit.
It would be interesting
to discover the loss to
the commercial community through
malarial fever. He was not throw-
ing any bricks at the Government,
but was only attempting to point
out ways in which he thought the
health of the Colony might be im-
proved. In pleading for greater
accuracy in statistics, accuracy
in reporting the results of investi-
gations among the rising genera-
tion and accuracy regarding the
incidence of disease, he felt sure he
had the whole of the Association
and the community behind him.
They wanted an adequate intel-
ligence department. The road of
public health was long and dif-
ficult and was not so clearly mark-
ed out as some of them would

like, but they were all travellers
along that road and he hoped he
had been able to lead them a little
bit on the way in showing how an
attempt might be made to improve
it. He assured them he had made
his remarks in no carping spirit,
but only with a desire to help, and
any help that he could give, or the
Association could give in that
direction, would be very freely
rendered. (Applause).

The Government's Attitude.

The toast having been enthusi-
astically honoured, His Excellency
the Governor replied. After
thanking Colonel Boylan Smith for
the very kind words he had spoken
and the company for the cordial
way in which they had received the
toast, he said that the problems of
public health in the Colony were
not by no ordinary difficulties
and it was necessary for him to
touch upon some of them in order
to make clear the attitude of the
Hongkong Government towards
matters of public health. The
first point to remember was that
Hongkong was a small British
Colony of about a million inhabi-
tants, set on the sea coast of a
large Chinese province estimated
to contain about 37 million in-
habitants. The province of Kwang-
tung was somewhat smaller in size
than Italy, but it had a larger
population, whereas the population
of the whole of the Colony was
somewhat less than that of one
single town in Kwangtung province
—he referred to its capital, Can-
ton. Even in a city like
Canton, problems of sanitation
and of public health
received only the most perfunctory
attention from the Chinese au-
thorities, and in the Kwangtung
province as a whole these matters
were utterly neglected. There was
a daily ebb and flow of many
thousands of Chinese between
Hongkong and Canton, and it was
quite impracticable for them to
protect the Colony by quarantine
against the menace to public
health which this continual ebb
and flow of the population pro-
vided. In this matter the Colony's
position was, and must remain,
hazardous until the Chinese au-
thorities put the province of
Kwangtung into sanitary order.
(Applause).

Births and Deaths.

In the next place the registra-
tion of births and deaths presented
great difficulties. Chinese women
habitually preferred, whenever
possible, to return to their native
village—"Canton more far"—in
order that their children might
be born. This fact vitiated Hong-
kong's birth statistics. Similarly,
Chinese men and women when sick
or stricken in years returned, if
they could, to their ancestral
homes to die. This fact vitiated
Hongkong's death statistics.
Again, a very large proportion of
the Chinese population was not
attended during sickness by any
medical man. Colonel Boylan
Smith had referred to the matter
of typhoid. In the case of
typhoid, nursing was of very great
importance, and the Chinese popu-
lation, owing to their inherent re-
luctance of going to hospital when
sick, did not receive the necessary
nursing, hence the high mortality.
Many Chinese patients were only
admitted to hospital in extremis.

His Excellency asked the com-
pany to consider the Tung Wah
Hospital, where patients, on first
admission, could choose to be
treated either in accordance with
Chinese or Western medical prac-
tice. He believed that statistics
showed that nearly always there
was a larger mortality among the
patients treated according to
Western medical practice, this
being due to the fact that Chinese
patients on first admission pre-
ferred to be treated according to
the Chinese practice, and it was
only when Chinese methods failed
that they received Western
treatment. These facts would
always make the Colony's vital
statistics extremely misleading,
and any argument based upon them
was apt to be fallacious. (Hear
hear).

A Good Example.

His Excellency assured those
present that the Hongkong Govern-
ment was keenly alive to the nec-
essity of protecting both the
public health of the Colony and of
setting a good example, to their
neighbours in Canton. He thought
they would all agree that the newly
reconstructed Victoria Hospital
and the Hospital just built in Kow-
loon, were models of what such
institutions ought to be. The Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital had, in the
past, served its purpose well, but
it was now out of date, and as
soon as funds could be made
available the Government pro-
posed to rebuild it on modern lines
and on a larger scale. But there
were very strict limits to the num-
ber of medical institutions that
the Government could afford to
maintain, for they would readily
see that no matter how capacious
their hospitals and asylums, they
would always be filled to overflow-
ing so long as the Canton authori-
ties spent so much money on civil
war that they had little or nothing
left to protect their own people
from disease. (Hear hear).
Although he fully realised that
every cure in a hospital had also
a prophylactic value, nevertheless

he subscribed wholeheartedly to
the doctrine that prevention was
better than cure.

The Children.

Obviously the right thing to do
in the first place was to attend to
the health of the children in the
hope that they would grow up
sound and strong. In this matter
the Hongkong Government made a
beginning in August, 1925, by the
appointment of a medical officer
of schools. Since that time de-
finite records had been kept of the
general health of school children
as regards eyesight, the state of
teeth, and such matters. The
time, of course, had been too short
to show any definite results so
far, but all the children in Gov-
ernment schools now, in cases of
defective eyesight, were provided,
at the public expense, with spec-
tacles. The subject of hygiene was
compulsory in all Government
schools, but it had not yet been
made an examination subject,
though he hoped it would be
shortly.

Athletics.

Attention was paid nowadays to
athletics and nothing had pleased
him more since his return to Hong-
kong than to see the enthusiasm

with which the Chinese had taken
to football, tennis and swimming
and other forms of recreation
which were almost unknown
among them a few years ago.
(Applause). This was a very
encouraging sign. (Hear hear).

Dangers of Malaria.

Colonel Boylan Smith had very
rightly emphasised the dangers to
the public health of the Colony of
malaria. His Excellency thought
he need hardly say that anything
he could do to assist in the fight
against malaria would be done
most gladly. The Hongkong Gov-
ernment had, in the past, achieved
a great deal, chiefly through the
training of nannies, and year by
year the danger of the anopheles
mosquito had been pushed further
and further from the chief cen-
tres of population. He quite
agreed that the Colony needed a
malariaist, and he hoped that
before long one would be appoint-
ed.

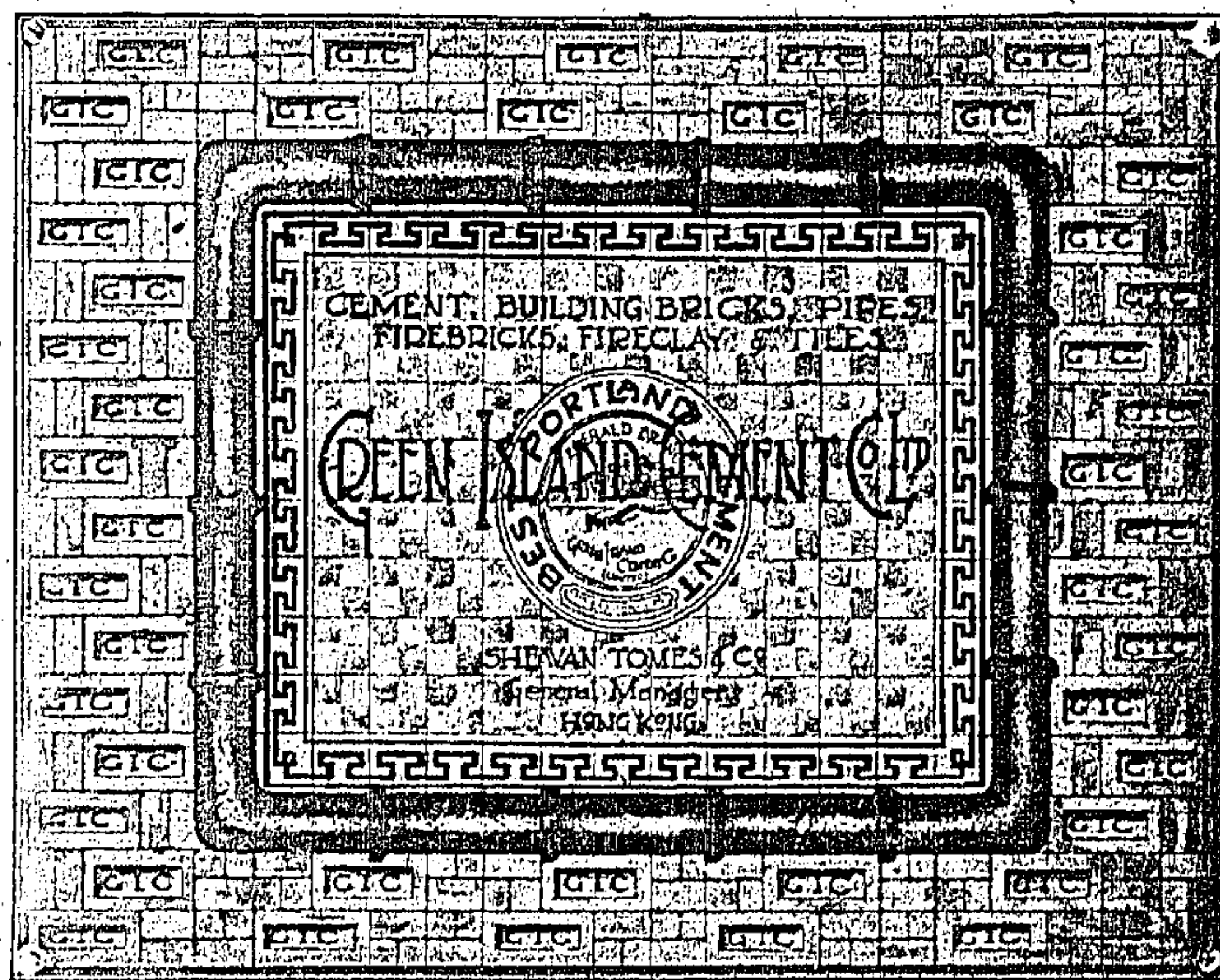
Beyond all question the chief
enemy in this Colony was tubercu-
losis. Tuberculosis, of course, was
intimately connected with the
very difficult housing problem.
Chinese Cooperation.

"Now, gentlemen," His Excel-

lency concluded, "none of these
problems can be successfully solved
without the willing cooperation of
the Chinese community resident
here, and it is obvious that much
spadework will have to be done in
educating public opinion before the
inhabitants of the Colony as a
whole will be willing to submit to
the very heavy sacrifices necessary
in the cause of improved sanita-
tion. Lord Cromer, speaking of
Egypt, once said 'Sanitation is a
bottomless financial abyss,' and I
am afraid the same is true of
Hongkong also. Nevertheless,
when I look back and see the won-
derful progress made in sanitation
during the lifetime of the present
generation, I feel confident we can
look into the future with hope,
and in this matter of instructing
public opinion about public health
it is the Medical Association that
I should show the way. I wish you
all success in the beneficent work
in which you are engaged, and ask
you to rise and drink to the health
of the Hongkong branch of the
British Medical Association." (Ap-
plause).

The toast was cordially received.
During the course of the evening,
a programme of music and song
was much enjoyed.

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A fifteen rounds contest for the welterweight championship of the Colony between Stoker Norman Morris (holder of the middle-weight belt) and Leading Seaman Dixon (H. M. S. Froisher) will be the main event at the Hongkong Boxing Association's tournament to be held on March 5th.

Dixon's name will stir a chord in the memory of fight fans who followed the noble art in the Colony during the years 1922-24, for he won the welterweight championship in season 1923-24, and was light-weight champion of the China Fleet in the previous year. His principal fights in Hongkong were stirring duels with C. P. O. ("Rattler") Morgan, and Sergt. Tribe.

Since leaving Hongkong Dixon has been making a specialty of winning his bouts by the knock-out route. He won the welterweight championship of the West of England in 1925, and in the Mediterranean Fleet, covering about 20,000 men, he won the welter-weight championship and held it against all comers until H. M. S. Froisher was detached for service in the East.

Dixon was a great fighter in 1923 and 1924, and judging by results he has maintained a steady improvement since. Already Dixon has settled down to serious training at the Yacht Club, and he is fortunate in having some very useful men from the Froisher to act as his sparring partners.

The remainder of the programme has not been definitely settled.

DUPRE'S CONQUEROR.

Although much disparaging has been said about Andre Dupre's defeat in Manila by Ferrandis, it is from the lips of Ferrandis, the famous Australian boxer now in the Colony, that the following opinion comes:

"Ferrandis is the future featherweight champion of the world. He has already been to Australia and defeated every man put up against him in either the feather or lightweight class. Dupre was warned that if he fought Ferrandis he would be knocked out in six rounds. Ferrandis did it in three, but it is no discredit to Dupre that he was defeated by such a man."

Stone says that Ferrandis will be leaving for America very shortly.

KEEN GAME IN THE RAIN.

KOWLOON AND HERMES
SHARE SPOILS.

A fast and interesting game between Kowloon and H.M.S. Hermes yesterday afternoon, resulted in the sharing of four goals, the visitors netting first and last.

Kowloon's forwards failed to settle down in the opening half, but Orr and Muir netted good goals. In the second half they showed better form but the Hermes goalkeeper was in capital form, and near the end, the right winger broke clean through and defeated Durand with ease for the equalising goal.

Wheeler, Sims, and Hayes were outstanding for Kowloon.

Team Against Recreio.

After the match Kowloon's team to meet the Club de Recreio in the first round of the I.K.F.A. Shield Competition was selected as follows:

Durand; Wheeler; Caveille; McKelvie, (or Hedley), Sims and Baldwin; Hayes, May, Orr, Tiernan, and Muir.

Kowloon second XI to meet St. Joseph's on the St. Joseph's ground was selected as follows:

Wood; Brown and Knight; Earl, Pasco, and Nicholls; Pile, Vickars, Miles, Coates, and Eastman.

LAWN TENNIS.

HANDICAP EVENTS DRAW.

The draws in the handicap events in connection with the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament:

Handicap Singles "A"

H. Owen Hughes (scr.) v. H. G. Sheldon (rec. 15.1); Major C. Willson (rec. 1/6) v. A. Piercy (rec. 15); R. W. Lee (rec. 15.2) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 5/9); Capt. E. G. Howard (scr.) v. Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1/6).

E. Grimble (rec. 2/6) v. H. R. Remington (rec. 15.1); W. L. Dunbar (rec. 3/6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6); R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6); V. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6); W. B. Cornaby (scr.) v. P. T. Orr (rec. 5/6).

B. D. Evans (rec. 1/6) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4/6); Dr. W. L. Thomas (rec. 3/6) v. L. Forster (owe 5/6); H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4/6) v. A. B. Raworth (owe 4/6); Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3/6).

G. W. Sewell (owe 4/6) v. Major H. R. Edwards (rec. 1/6); G. S. Hugh Jones (rec. 15) v. G. Miskin (scr.); R. K. Valentine (rec. 4/6) v. Lt. E. H. J. Larkcomb (rec. 1/6); Capt. E. W. Morris (scr.) v. S. B. Green (owe 15.3).

Handicap Singles "B"

C. L. Sandes, bye (owe 5/6) v. H. Graves, bye (owe 2/6) to meet in the second round; R. L. Moncrieff (owe 3/6) v. A. K. Mackenzie (owe 15.1); J. R. Hinton (rec. 5/6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15.1).

J. F. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. J. H. B. Nihil (scr.); C. W. E. Bishop (owe 15.3) v. A. H. Penn (rec. 2/6); P. E. Buckle (owe 4/6) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15.3); Major J. P. S. Greig (rec. 1/6) v. W. M. Lyons (owe 15.3).

C. H. Eldridge (rec. 15.1) v. T. Megarry (owe 3/6); A. J. Hazeland (rec. 2/6) v. H. V. Parker (owe 15); W. H. Coulson (scr.) v. A. C. I. Bowker (scr.); Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15.1) v. M. M. Watson (rec. 15.1); T. W. Southern (rec. 3/6) v. Lt. R. T. A. Love (rec. 1/6); R. H. Blake (scr.) to meet winner of former tie in second round; J. R. Collis (owe 5/6), bye v. T. J. Price (owe 2/6), bye to meet in the second round.

Handicap Doubles.

C. H. Eldridge and J. Hall (rec. 4/6), bye v. L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2/6), bye; R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15.1), bye v. Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (scr.); J. N. Owen and E. E. Mimmack (rec. 15), bye v. W. H. Coulson and T. W. Southern (rec. 4/6), bye; S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6), bye v. R. G. Wilkerson and N. C. Barber (rec. 15.1), bye.

Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/6), bye, to meet winners of the following tie in the second round; Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. J. R. Craig (owe 15.3) v. H. C. Macnamara (owe 15.3) v. H. R. Remington and H. E. Standage (rec. 5/6); J. R. Collis and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15.2) v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6); N. J. Perrin and W. A. Weight (rec. 15) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6); W. L. Dunbar and R. H. Blake (owe 1/6) v. H. C. Macnamara and E. S. C. Brookes (rec. 15.3); F. T. Orr and H. C. Burgess (rec. 15) v. Lt. D. Smith and Lt. H. L. C. Hall (rec. 15); J. H. Sutcliffe and R. A. Jardine (rec. 15.2), bye, to meet winner of the former tie in the second round.

A. E. Engle and S. H. Langston (rec. 15.3), bye v. J. H. R. Nihil and B. D. Evans (scr.); R. H. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine (scr.); J. R. Wood and Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (rec. 2/6); A. K. Maclellan and A. C. I. Bowler (rec. 4/6), bye v. G. P. Lammert and F. T. Orr (rec. 15); Capt. E. S. G. Howard and Lt. E. H. J. Larkcomb (owe 1/6) v. F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15.3).

Mixed Doubles.

Major W. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson (rec. 3/6), bye v. Dr. J. R. Craig and Mrs. Craig (rec. 15); L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Bird (rec. 15.1), bye v. C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark (rec. 5/6), bye.

Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown (rec. 5/6), bye v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Mrs. Walker (rec. 3/6), bye; H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Miller (rec. 15) v. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15.3); Lt. Love and Miss Staple-Smith (rec. 15.2) v. J. D. Humphreys and Mrs. Hornell (rec. 15).

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE AND CUP RESULTS.

London, Feb. 16.
The following are the results of football matches played to-day:

Division I.

Sunderland . . . 4 Birmingham . . . 1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen . . . 2 Rangers . . . 2
Dunfermline . . 4 Dundee . . . 3
Hamilton . . . 3 Celtic . . . 3

Scottish Cup (Replay).

Montrose . . . 1 Broxburn . . . 0
—Reuter.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent the University against the Hongkong Hockey Club at 5.15 p.m. sharp on the University ground.—P. L. Tan, K. T. Loke, Y. C. Teh, A. C. Sullivan, H. W. Ma, C. W. Lam, S. Kermani, P. K. Gan, A. A. Aziz, V. Enok and E. N. Sudan.

The following will represent the Club "A" against the University to-morrow.—T. W. Southern, F. T. Orr, W. A. Nowers, L. R. Thomas, Lieut. D. M. Kiercroft, L. M. S. Lloyd (captain), W. S. Drake, W. A. Newmann, L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Lockhart Smith and A. N. Other.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,100 b.
Chartered, Bank, 421 n.
Mercantile A. & B., 432 n.
Mercantile C., 131 1/2 n.
P. and O., 49 1/2 b.
East Asia, \$80 s.
Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$660 b.
China Underwriters, \$90 b.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., \$285 b.
Yanchoo Ins., \$38 b.
Fire Ins.
China Fire, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$615 b.
Shipping.
Douglases, \$30 1/2 b.
Steamboats, \$23 1/2 b.
Tugs, \$110 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 s.
Shell Trans., 98/- n.
Star Ferries, \$56 sa.
Waterboats, \$14 1/2 n.
Refineries.
China Sugars, \$22 s.
Malabons, \$34 n.
Mining.
Benguet, \$130 n.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkate, Tls. 24 1/2 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 1/2 n.
Rauhs, \$4 s.
Urals, 21/- b.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$112 1/2 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$40 n.
Hongkong Docks, Tls. 150 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 102 sa.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$74 b.
H.K. Lands, \$56 1/2 sa.
Realty, \$5 1/2 b.
Territorials, \$2 1/2 b.
Humphreys, \$12 1/2 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$1 1/2 s.
Cottons.
Ewos Cottons, Tls. 8.25 b.
Orientals, Tls. 24 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 53 1/2 n.
Buses, Trams.
China Buses, Tls. 9 1/2 b.
Tramways, \$22 1/2 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$15 1/2 b.
S'pore Tractions 13/- s.
Taxis, \$1 s.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$18 1/2 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$8 s.
China Lights, \$14 1/2 n.
China Prov., \$5 s.
Constructions, \$2.20 b.
Dairy Farms, \$17 1/2 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$59 s.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.
Lanc Crawford, \$8 n.
Mackintosh, \$194 n.
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RUBBER MARKET.

DIVIDENDS AND QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of telegraphic advice from Singapore that rubber is now quoted at 60 1/2 cents per pound.

The following dividends have been declared:
Colinsburghs 12% interim.
Kotang Buhra 7 1/2% interim.
Tambak 7 1/2% interim.
Pusing Rubber & Tin Ltd 5% interim.
Ratut Basin Tin Co. 6d. per share.
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Mar. 9	Seattle	Pres. Roosevelt	Apr. 6	12th C'burg Apr. 13
Mar. 15	San Francisco	Olympic	Apr. 16	12th C'burg Apr. 22
Mar. 23	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 20	12th C'burg Apr. 27
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Hamoric	Apr. 30	12th C'burg May 6
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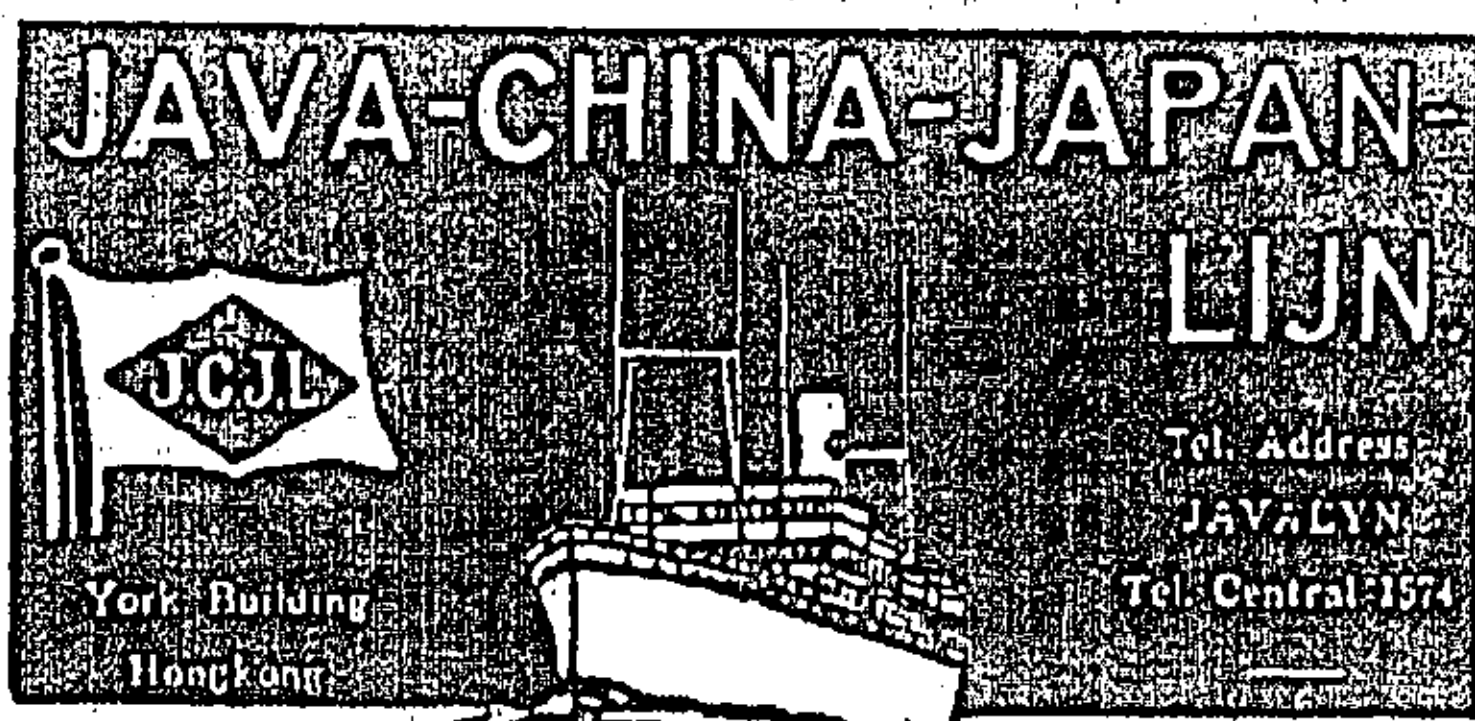
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Tjipondock	Japan	1st Mar.	2nd Mar.	Batavia
Tjisalak	Java, Mear	1st Mar.	3rd Mar.	S'hai N. China
Tjikini	N. China	2nd Mar.	4th Mar.	Batavia
Tjilroea	Shanghai	7th Mar.	10th Mar.	Batavia
Tjikembang	Batavia	13th Mar.	15th Mar.	Shanghai
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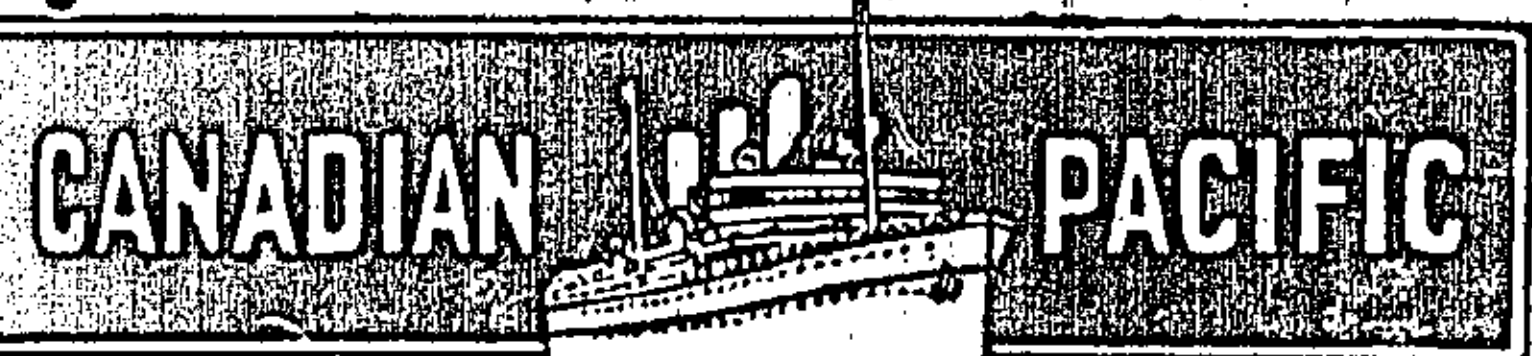
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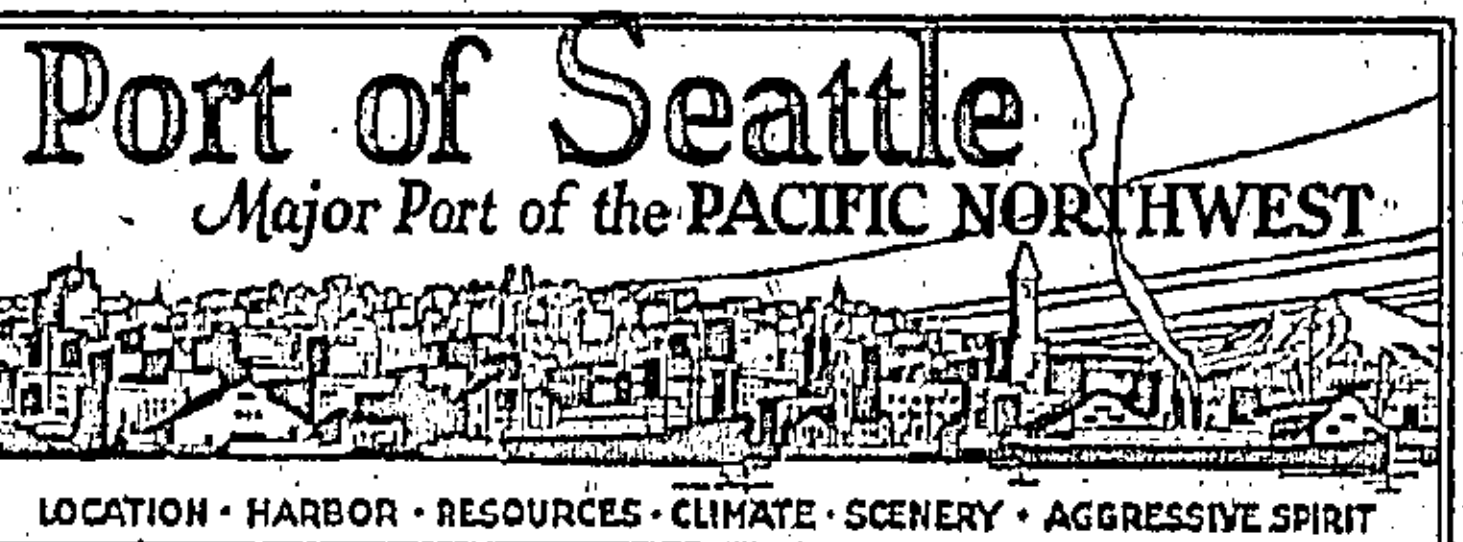
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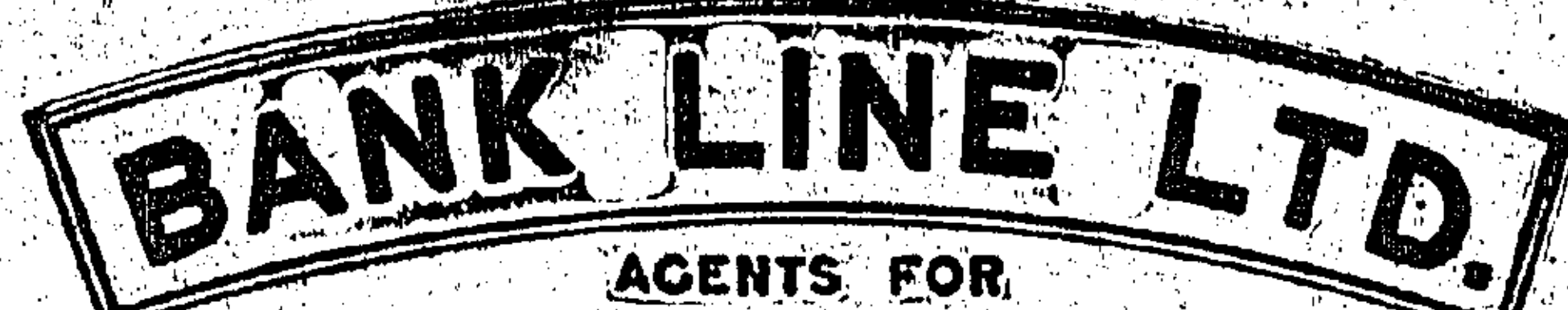
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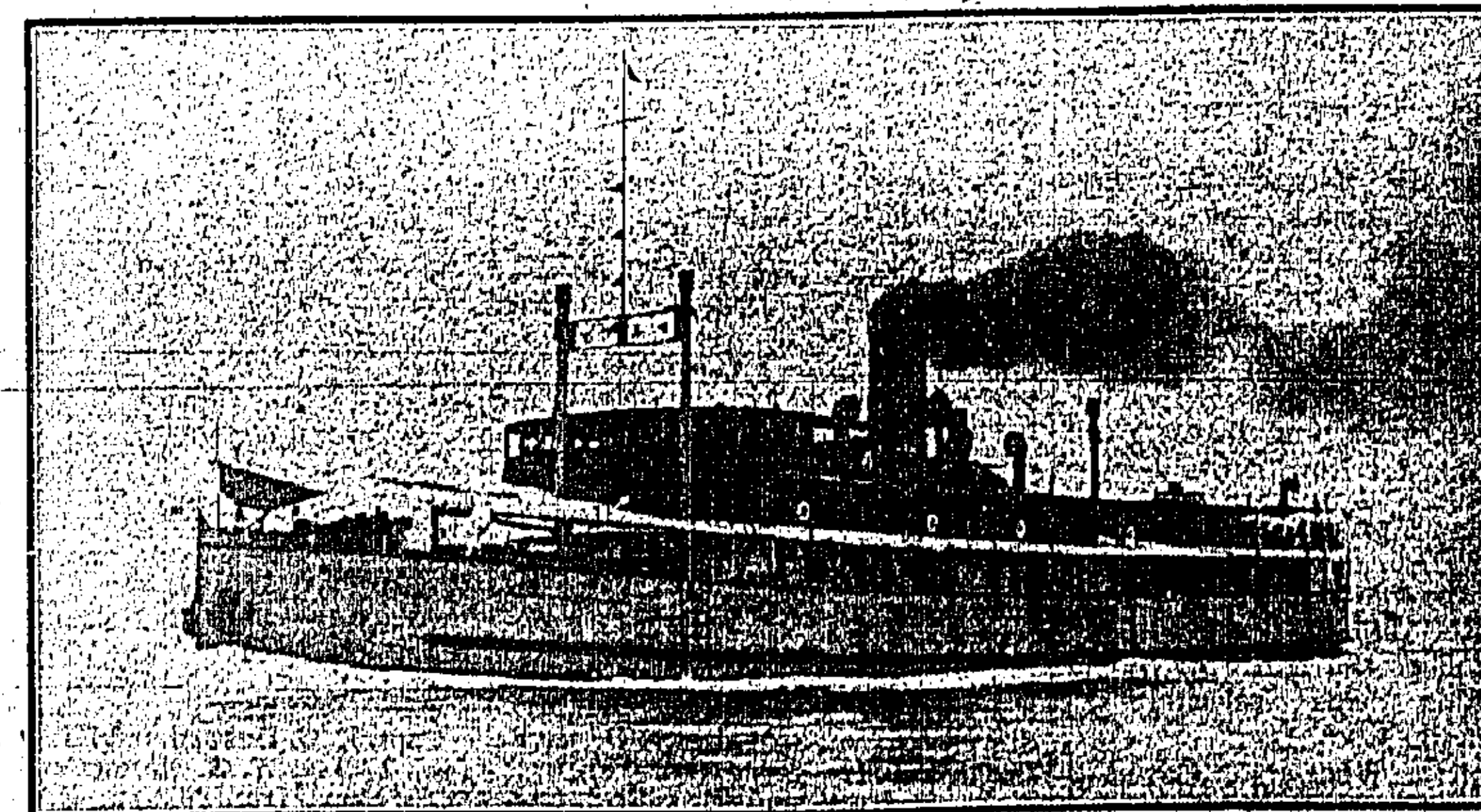
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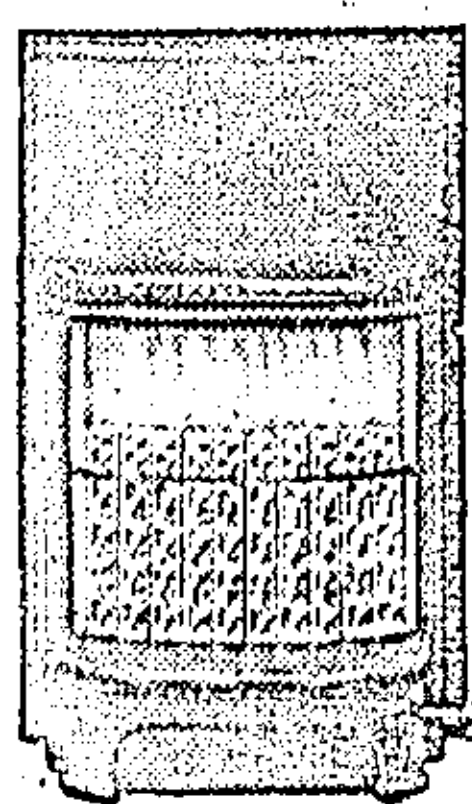
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EXPERTS AND "SUPER-
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"My guess would be as good as anyone else's guess," said Mr. D. S. Scott, the district manager of the Texas Company, giving evidence this morning in the part-heard case in which the Texas Company is suing Mr. A. J. Lane, architect, for the value of goods supplied. The remark was passed in connection with the whereabouts of a leakage in the roof of No. 4, Liberty Avenue, Homuntin.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appears for the Texas Company, and Mr. Lane is represented by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

A salesman for the Texas Company, said he visited the house in order to prepare an estimate for covering the roof with "Texacoat." There were numerous cracks in the parapet, and he told the architect that repairs would have to be done before the "Texacoat" could be applied.

Mr. Lane told him that the original contractor had absconded, that in order to get the job rushed through unskilled labour had been employed at day rates. The job had been rushed through because the owner wished to occupy the house.

Mr. Vaux:—I put it to you that what you said about unskilled labour was not told you by Mr. Lane?—It was told me.

On that occasion?—Yes.

By Mr. Lane?—Yes.

Are you sure that Mr. Lane said that the job was rushed through?—Yes.

His Lordship:—Did you think that if the track were repaired and the roof covered with "Texacoat" it could be made water-tight?—Yes.

Mr. D. S. Scott, re-called, produced two roof plans showing different types of construction. He was an expert of roofs, having had four years' experience of roof construction in Hongkong.

Mr. Vaux:—Could you tell the manner of the construction of the roof of this house?—Not with the brief examination I had. It is impossible to say from the covering what is underneath.

Would you deny that an architect could tell the nature of the material underneath?—No, I wouldn't deny it, but I should say he was a super-expert.

"In just the same way," Mr. Scott added, "that I should say you were wearing underwear, but I cannot see it."

His Lordship:—Nor the particular kind.

Defendant said that the roof constructed at Liberty Avenue was not satisfactory, owing to the inferior quality of the Canton tiles. "There were two courses open to me. One was to take up the tiling and re-bed it—an expensive job. I looked round for a cheaper method and I was informed that 'Texacoat' would make the roof water-proof. In the case of this house it was not successful, though a second coat was applied.

His Lordship is to visit Homuntin this afternoon to examine the roof.

Paris.—Bernard Scheinberg, 76, an Australian, holds the world's record for paternity. He is the father of 88 children, of whom 84 are living. Scheinberg was married twice and had 70 children by his first wife who died at the age of 56. He married the second time at the age of 57 and by this union had 18 children. The first Mme. Scheinberg had quadruplets four times, triplets seven times and twins 16 times.



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When Prohibition, as now administered in the United States is not corrupt, it is farcical, states the *Morning Post's* Washington correspondent. The latest illustration of the lengths to which the Dry fanatics are willing to go is the discovery made by the Massachusetts Member of Congress that since 1923 the Agricultural Department has deleted from its official publications prescriptions for cows and horses containing whiskey as an ingredient, although for 33 years previously these prescriptions had the official sanction of the Department, and were approved by eminent veterinarians.

The Department in bringing horses and cows under the rigorous of Prohibition and protecting their morals, says this Member of Congress, has committed an illegal act besides making itself ridiculous, and he intends to ask Congress to order an investigation.

In New York City alone 23 persons died from drinking Christmas bootleg liquor. The hospitals are

crowded with men and women suffering from the effects of poisoned liquor, and the same story comes from every large city throughout the country. Chief Medical Examiner Norris, of New York, says that the Government are morally responsible for these deaths because of the poison required by law to be put into denatured alcohol.

The Prohibition authorities are quite indifferent. They say if men drink poisoned alcohol they will die, and they expect there will be reports of other deaths before the holiday season is over. As a moral measure even the most prejudiced must admit Prohibition a great success. It has made bootleggers fabulously rich, and undertakers and doctors are doing a roaring business.

San Francisco.—The ideal food for all ages is seaweed. So declares Miss Josephine Tilden, head of the botany department of the University of Minnesota, who stopped here on her return from the Pacific Science Congress at Tokyo. People were healthy who used to eat it in bygone days, she said. It was the food basis for all sea life, Miss Tilden said.

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Shanghai	Szechuen	February 17.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Deucalion	February 19.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Szechow	February 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	February 20.
Japan and Amoy	Shinyo Maru	February 20.
Straits	Talma	February 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Kamo Maru	February 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	February 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	February 25.
	Pres. Lincoln	February 28.
	Pres. Wilson	February 28.

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Straits and Calcutta	Cremer	Thurs., Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Mongolia	Thurs., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Yuan On	Thurs., Feb. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Wing Hung	Thurs., Feb. 17, 4.00 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Thurs., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Fri., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Fri., Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Sourabaya	Tijleboet	Fri., Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Feb. 18, noon.
Bangkok	Chinhun	Fri., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Delta	Fri., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Mingsang	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.
	Parcels	18th, 5 p.m.
	Kalyan	Sat., Feb. 19.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 19th March.)	
	Devawongse	Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Tourane	Nyanza	Sat., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	West Himrod	Sat., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Hohow and Cebu	Namsang	Sat., Feb. 19.
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels	19th, noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Formosa	Glengarry	Sat., Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hosang	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun., Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu	Sun., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Feb. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Szechuen	Mon., Feb. 21, 6 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Shinyo Maru	Tues., Feb. 22.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 21st March.)	
	Haining	Tues., Feb. 22, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Demodocus	Tues., Feb. 22.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 24th March.)	
*Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Tues., Feb. 22.
	Letters	9 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Mishima Maru	Wed., Feb. 23.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 17th March.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hakusan Maru	Sat., Feb. 26.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 27th March.)	
Japan and Honolulu	Ginyo Maru	Sat., Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
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Liberty, like a latchkey, is most beautiful when we do not possess it.—Robert Lynd.
Conversation should be like high-class lawn tennis. You must take everything that comes over the net—and if any one sends you a stinger, return harder than it came.—W. B. Maxwell.
Precocious as a pig when its trough is filled.—Stephen McKenna.
A sharp, icy blast like a charge of salt from a rifle.—Paul Morand.
Refreshing as a Kansas cornfield in full flower.—Bellamy Partridge.
Days, like drops upon a pane, slip, and join and go.—Dorothy Parker.
His face was red as a picture-house exit bulb.—H. I. Phillips.
Peaceably inclined as a heavy-weight champion.—American Lumberman.
Rare as an unbroken spring in a taxicab.—F. P. A.
Terrible as a radio trio.—Anon.
Mean as the man who gave a homing pigeon for a birthday present.—Anon.
Life is playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes along.—Arnold Bennett.
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